University Ministries and ASSP

Sharpen Ministries

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend”

-Proverbs 27:17

Core Application Form

2013-2014

DUE APRIL 12, 2013
5:00 pm

The Sharpen ministry is a collaborative partnership between the Office of University Ministries and the Associated Students of Seattle Pacific.
Seattle Pacific University Mission

Seattle Pacific University seeks to be a premier Christian University fully committed to engaging the culture and changing the world by graduating people of competence and character, becoming people of wisdom and modeling grace-filled community.

Office of University Ministries Mission

We are committed as a University to the five-fold vision of:

- growing as a truth and grace-filled worshipping community,
- nurturing people of competence and character,
- pursuing the scholarship of wisdom,
- equipping one another to engage our culture with the Gospel, and
- releasing one another to participate in the Spirit of God's transformation of the world.

We seek to live out this vision through a rich variety of Christian faith exploration and community service activities. These integrate the distinctive contribution of our Wesleyan heritage within the global Christian movement: a commitment to the primacy of God's grace and truth, a commitment to the necessity of life in a nurturing and challenging community, a commitment to the biblical call to discipleship and worship which impacts all aspects of our life, and a commitment to service—especially with the poor.

Sharpen Ministries Mission

Sharpen seeks to serve Jesus by promoting and supporting Christian discipleship through small groups, mentoring, and intentional living. The Sharpen Core member seeks to grow spiritually in Jesus Christ as well as help others grow spiritually in Jesus Christ.
About the Sharpen Core Position

We are looking for people who are willing to commit their time, energy, and creativity to the service of their peers. We consider all interested applicants because we know the critical element in the performance of any service is not what a person can do, but rather who they are in Christ.

The experiences that come with your position will help you develop the skills and qualities that you will need throughout life, such as: delegation, responsibility, service, coordination and planning, time management, listening skills, program development, helping skills, self-management, and dependability. This is designed to be a ministry and a learning experience.

**Desired Attributes of the Applicant**

1. The desire to grow spiritually in Jesus Christ.
2. The desire to help others grow spiritually in Jesus Christ.
3. Stability and maturity, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually.
4. The ability to motivate and facilitate leadership of “sharpen” relationships.
5. The ability to lead with a servant attitude.
6. The ability to work as part of a team.
7. The ability to communicate effectively.
8. The ability to organize and manage one’s own affairs (academic as well as ministry responsibilities).
9. The desire to be a part of a community supporting small group fellowship.
10. Desire to be a small group leader or mentor

**Minimum Qualifications for Applicant**

1. A commitment to work on core for one academic year.
2. Available time commitment of 6-10 hours per week.
3. Minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.5.
4. A commitment to attend training sessions and regular meetings as listed on the job description.

**Application Information**

Completed applications are to be turned in at University Ministries. Please place in the Sharpen inbox in the 2nd SUB. Please type or print neatly in pen. Also, feel free to include any additional information that you think might be helpful.

**A Final Word to the Applicant**

You are encouraged to enter into the Core selection process in careful search of God’s guidance. This ministry is both challenging and rewarding; the rewards, however, are not always immediate. We would strongly encourage you to talk to the present coordinator or staff members to find out more of what this ministry involves. We wish you well during the selection process.
Sharpen Core Team Job Description

Responsibilities:
(Not all will be applicable to each core member.)
1. Inviting a group of students to form a small group or peer mentoring relationship before the 2013-2014 school year.
2. Learning the tools of shepherding a group in their relationships with one another and with God.
3. Learning how to assist a group in multiplying-welcoming in new members and dividing into new groups.
4. Helping small groups/mentoring relationships get started well, and support them through prayer, encouragement, and resources once they are established.
5. Publicity, advertising to help the campus know about the ministry.
6. Participating in weekly core meetings with other core team members. Come with a mind that seeks to learn more about, and how to serve God.
7. Participating in and assisting in Sharpen training/equipping sessions.
8. Fulfilling various duties as job description and needs dictate.

Training & Support:
Core team members are expected to participate in the following:
1. Leadership Kickoff – Date May 21, 2013: To begin the vision process and to also start team building within the core team.
2. Fall Leadership Conference beginning on September 21, 2013: time to get acquainted, become oriented to the year, begin training process, set goals, objectives and strategies for upcoming year with both Ministry and other SPU student leaders.
3. January 2014 - Winter Campus Ministries Leadership Retreat: time to reevaluate goals, reflect on progress, be ministered to and enjoy team activities.

Accountability
Core members shall report directly to the SHARPEN Coordinator and shall ultimately be responsible to the ASSP Vice-President of Ministries.

Selection
Core members will be selected by the current Sharpen Coordinator, the new incoming coordinator, and the Sharpen Advisor.
Sharpen Core Team
Application Form - 2012-2013

Name:_________________________ Mailstop:___________ Cell Phone:__________________

Major: ____________________________ Minor: ____________________________

Student ID: ________________________ Cumulative GPA: ________________

Date of Admission to SPU: __________ Class Status as of Fall 2013: __________

Have you ever attended another college or university? If so, when and where?

Summer mailing address: ________________________________

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Do you attend church regularly? If so, what is the name of it?

Answer the following on separate sheets of paper:

Statement of faith
Write a brief statement of faith. Phrase it in words a non-Christian would understand.

Sharpen is meant to establish quality spiritual relationships at SPU. Why do you think small groups are important? What makes them succeed? What makes them fail?

Spiritual growth
Identify and describe two areas of spiritual growth you have experienced in this past year.

What has been most helpful in enabling your spiritual growth this past year?

Leadership and service
Leadership experience: What leadership skills have you developed this past year?

Service experience: Please describe your experiences.

Team Skills
Describe your organization skills.

Describe your communication skills.

Personal background
What are your personal life goals?
Identify three strengths and three weaknesses you would bring as a core member

The activities of the program
What are some ways you believe community happens through small groups?
What small group/leader/ministry experience do you have, if any?
What are some visions you have for SHARPEN this year?
What might be your approach in achieving this vision?

Extra-curricular activities
Please list all extra-curricular activities in which you plan to be involved next year. Give an estimate of your weekly time commitment to each.

Personal References
The following web link directs you to our online reference form. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to send this link to 3 personal references, and make sure that they submit this form to us by April 19. In addition, please list the contact information for these references below in case we need to follow up on any of their comments. Please note that you must have one reference from a pastor or spiritual mentor, one reference from a current student leader at SPU (PA, SMC, ministry core member, etc.), and one other person of your choice who knows your heart well (and who is not a member of your family).

Online reference form link:  https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/umreference

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Please note that the information contained on the completed reference form is considered CONFIDENTIAL and will not be available for review by the applicant or any other individual who is not involved in the selection process.

By signing this application, you indicate that the information you have provided is both truthful and accurate. You acknowledge that you have read completely through the Sharpen Core position description and understand the commitment level of the role.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________