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WEST COAST ORIENTATION 2010
MENLO COLLEGE
JULY 8th, 2009 - JULY 11th, 2010
GROUP LEADER SELECTION

APPLICATION FORM

(please type or print in ink)
(To request an electronic version e-mail: kwilkerson@abetterchance.org)

Full Name: _____

HOME ADDRESS* _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Current Address: _____
(if different than above)

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cellular Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Summer E-mail Address: _____

A Better Chance School: _____

Graduation Year: _____

College/University: _____

Graduation Year: _____

How do you wish your name to appear on your name badge? _____

*A Better Chance will plan all travel from your home city unless you provide a different address where you will be living in July:

Group Leader “Job Description”

Approximately 25 Group Leaders will be selected to assist with the supervision of the 200 new Scholars who will participate in the Orientation. We will assign three Group Leaders to each “color group” of 25–30 students. Ideally, a Group Leader will possess strong leadership, listening, and speaking skills. You should also become very familiar with the curriculum you will receive prior to the start of the Orientation.

Duties will include being:

- a dorm proctor
- a travel chaperone
- a panelist
- an instructor
- a role model
- a mentor

Each Group Leader is expected to:

- Attend a **mandatory Group Leader Training Session** from (9am–3pm) at Menlo College on **Thursday, July 8thth**.
 - Group Leaders traveling from areas outside of Northern California will travel to Menlo College on July 8thth
- **Attend the entire Orientation weekend** (this includes assisting in travel of Scholars before and after Orientation. **Arrival and dismissal for Group Leaders differs from that of the Scholars**).
 - Group Leaders are expected to arrive before Scholars to assist with set-up and may be required to chaperone Scholar travel.
 - If traveling with the bus, you need to arrive with the A Better Chance staff, before departing check in with a staff member to assure all assignments are completed.
 - If traveling by plane, arrive in a timely fashion before the Scholars and do not leave unless all Scholars have been picked up by the parent/guardian.
 - If meeting on campus, arrival is expected with the A Better Chance staff. Check in with staff members before departing to assure all Scholars are checked out, Orientation areas cleaned, and remaining assignments have been completed.
- Wake up early and ensure that participants are awake to bathe, go to breakfast and arrive on time for all sessions.
- Attend daily Orientation Staff and group leader planning meetings to review activities and responsibilities.
- **Attend and actively participate and lead all sessions in a timely and responsible fashion.**
- Conduct room check each evening and enforce lights out.
- Alert A Better Chance Staff of any emergency or inappropriate behavior.
- Follow and enforce all Orientation rules and regulations.

Medical Questionnaire

Are you able to lift and carry items up to 15 lbs? Yes: _____ No_____ If no, please explain below:

Are there any medical conditions that limit your participation in group games, sports or activities? Yes_____ No

If so, please explain below:

Group Leader Application Essays:

Short Answers (250 words or less) Please read directions carefully.

On additional sheets of paper, please respond to both the following prompts.

1. What do you feel are the three most critical issues that new Scholars need to learn about at Orientation? What from your own experience will make you an effective assistant in speaking on these relevant issues?

2. Please give short but complete answers to two of three questions listed below.

- In what ways have you demonstrated leadership in your school and larger communities? What lessons can you share with others about these experiences? Please tell us about some of the successes and challenges you experienced in these situations.
- You have just finished doing room check for the night when you see a student coming down the hall looking somewhat disturbed. When you stop the student to ask why she is out of her room after curfew, she confesses that she is upset because one of her roommates snuck a young man into their room and asked her to leave. Explain, in detail, how you would handle this situation.
- Based on your experiences, what can an incoming A Better Chance Scholar expect when they begin at their new school, socially and academically? What would you say is the greatest challenge that you have faced thus far? Do you think they will experience more challenges socially or academically? Explain.

You may include anything else you feel is important for us to know as we consider your application for group leader.

Thank you for your application. We will contact you soon with our Group Leader Selections!

Applicant's
Signature:

Date

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