



student leadership development

## **Congratulations!**

**We are so excited to have you as a member of MS+ for the 2023/2024 school year. You now have the opportunity to serve with an awesome group of people who share a passion to reach this generation with the Gospel of Jesus! We have created this handbook so you can know the ins and outs of MS+ so you can be prepared to effectively minister to your fellow students that God allows us to meet. It's our goal that Metro Students will be a growing ministry that provides a fun and safe environment for our students.**

**No matter what is taking place (hangouts, big events, small groups or worship services), we want Metro Students to be a ministry that focuses on prayer, developing authentic relationships, and equipping to win the lost. These core values will be intertwined in all parts of your journey with MS+.**

**It doesn't matter if you've been a Christian for 5 months or 50 years, every born-again believer should find a place to serve the Body of Christ. Whether you enjoy leading a small group, greeting students as they arrive, media, building things, or even helping plan events, we have got a place for you to serve.**

**In 1 Corinthians 1:11, Paul instructs us to "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." What word comes to your mind when you read that scripture? Discipleship. Not only will MS+ provide you an avenue to grow as a leader in Metro Students, you will also have in depth study and prayer times with Pastor Clint, Lisa, Michael Smith, and other Metro Students leaders. Great resources will be placed in your hands: books, study guides, discussion questions and more. When you join MS+, we are committed to your development as a Christian first and a leader second. We will meet in person regularly (1-2x a month), as well as communicate during the week via text, phone calls, and video chats when necessary. We are so excited to get to know you better and do ministry with you! Let's take the next step together!**

**God Bless,**

**Pastor Clint**

## **MS+ Student Leadership Development Team**

**There is a difference between “helping out” and wanting to become a student leader. It is for that reason that we do not simply accept “anyone with a pulse” to join MS+. Not only are we committed to you, and your development, it is also a commitment to Metro Students, MS+ and its leadership.**

**Factors that will be considered for acceptance into MS+ Student Leadership Development Team:**

- **A testimony of salvation**
- **Faithfulness to Metro Students Wednesday night services and Metropolitan Church Sunday services**
- **Respected among their peers**
- **A Servant-hearted attitude**
- **Your current activity schedule (time available to truly be an active part of MS+?)**
- **High School Student**
- **Once selected to MS+, you will have certain requirements to follow:**
  - **Live in a way that reflects 1 Timothy 4:12 “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and purity.”**
  - **Finish the required reading (a student leadership book will be provided)**
  - **As a team, plan and lead one service project for the school year you serve**
  - **As a team, plan and lead one entire Metro Student Wednesday night service (one service per semester)**
  - **Support upcoming Metro Student trips and activities**
  - **Attend scheduled meetings as a team with Pastor Clint/Michael Smith**
  - **Be open to receiving developmental feedback**

**A MS+ Student Leadership Development Team Member must:**

- 1) Have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of your life, having a daily relationship with Him and your lifestyle reflecting that genuine relationship.**
- 2) Have a regular quiet time with God, including time in God's Word and prayer.**
- 3) Submit to the accountability of lead pastor, student pastor, pastoral staff, and Metro Students Team Leaders.**
- 4) Be an active and faithful member of the Metropolitan Church.**
- 5) Live a life that is honoring & pleasing to the Lord by abstaining from any worldly activities such as parties, alcohol consumption, drugs, etc.**
- 6) Be faithful in attendance for Sunday morning LifeGroups, Wednesday night Student Service, MS+ meetings, events, hangouts, service projects, and trips.**
- 7) Communicate with Pastor Clint when you are unable to attend aforementioned activities.**
- 8) Arrive at your ministry position at the agreed upon time by Pastor Clint or student leader. Being on time is a matter of integrity. Every late person affects the entire ministry.**

# **MS+ Student Leadership Development Application**

(Please turn this paper in to the Student Pastor after answering the following questions)

## **Applicant Information**

**First Name:**

**Street Address: City:**

**Mobile Phone: ( )**

**State:**

**Last Name:**

**Email:**

**Zip:**

**Please answer the below questions with your interviewer and complete the following page to determine if you would be a good fit for the MS+ Student Leadership Development Team.**

- 1. Why do you want to join the MS+ Student Leadership Development Team?**
- 2. What do you think the greatest need is for students in today's society?**
- 3. What are some of your personal talents, skills, and interests?**
- 4. Are you willing to commit to Metro Students vision for student ministry and the core values not only of Metro Students but of Metropolitan Church?**
- 5. Are you a regular attender of Metropolitan Church? Yes / No**
- 6. Are you passionate about God and people? Yes / No**
- 7. Have you followed the Lord in water baptism? Yes / No**
- 8. Will you commit to a lifestyle that accurately represents Jesus, especially while leading as part of Metro Students? Yes / No**
- 9. Do you work well with others? Yes / No**

10. Will you commit to pray for and serve those involved in this ministry? Yes / No
11. Will you commit to keeping a positive attitude throughout your leadership experience & live a life that is glorifying & honoring to God, especially in the company of others? Yes / No
12. Do you understand the amount of time and effort involved in this commitment and are you willing to accept the responsibility? Yes / No

**Interviewer Name:**

**Signature: Date:**

**Recommendation Printed Name:**

**Recommendation Signature:**

**I have read the previous pages, and by signing below, if approved as a member of MS+ Student Leadership Development Team, I commit to the guidelines for the MS+ Leadership Development team.**

**Printed Name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**