

NLC Application Instructions – 2020 Classes

DiscoveryBound's National Leadership Council is multi-year servant leadership program designed for Christian Science teens. It is dedicated to fostering spiritual growth, leadership qualities, and a service approach to life.

With more opportunities available to teens than ever before, you have wonderful choices ahead of you! As a student of Christian Science, you already know that discovering and using spiritual truths help you experience a more harmonious and rewarding life.



Many students find what's most rewarding about NLC is its incredibly strong support community of CS teens who approach life in the same way you do – a unique opportunity you won't often find in your school community. This 4 year program includes exciting summer adventures and trips; an annual retreat with all the other NLC classes; your own personal local CS adult mentor; and regular conference calls each month with your class family. In addition, you can make life-long friendships, earn a Congressional Award, and gain tools that empower you to help others and feel confidence to lead within your community, and the world.

Here are instructions on how to apply for this opportunity.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Confirm eligibility – you must be entering 8th grade in Fall 2015
2. Complete the [Online Application](#) by **Oct. 10th**
 - *Note: You can find further application instructions and participation requirements below or on the [NLC website](#)*
3. Share [Reference Form](#) with both references requested within the application:
 - *Personal Reference: To be filled out online by a teacher, coach or close family friend who has known the Applicant for at least 2 years.*
 - *Sunday School Reference: To be filled out online by the Applicant's Sunday School teacher.*
4. If selected, the NLC staff will contact you to set up an interview. The interview will also include parents.
5. There will be a final follow-up assignment for those teens selected to be interviewed.
6. The new classes and their two class leaders will be announced on **Dec. 1, 2015**.

Each year we select 2 classes of 20 students each, so we do narrow down the number of teens moving on at each stage of the selection process. Please prayerfully consider commitment to this type of multi-year program before applying. If you choose to apply, please take care in filling out your application, and of course, don't hesitate to contact the NLC Office with any questions.



APPLICATION PREVIEW – ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Why are you a student of Christian Science?
2. How do you bring CS into your daily life?
3. Please share a recent healing experience.
4. What three things do you know without a doubt?
5. What are the biggest challenges facing CS youth today?
6. Why do you want to be part of DiscoveryBound’s National Leadership Council?
7. What strengths, skills, or experience will you bring to NLC?
8. What is your definition of servant leadership?
9. What does it mean to be a good team member?
10. What is the best way to communicate with your peers?
With adults?

NLC APPLICANT EXPECTATIONS

- **Make NLC a Priority** – NLC needs to be one of your top three extra-curricular priorities (sports, music, clubs, etc.), apart from your primary responsibilities to family, church, and school
- **Communicate** – Read and respond to communications from leaders and mentors in a timely fashion – emails, texts, and other messages. Check email at least twice a week and regularly access program information on class website.
- **Mentors** – Establish and carry out a plan for meeting with your mentor at least twice a month
- **Program Requirements** – No less than 80% adherence to the following:
 - meet program deadlines
 - respond to class leader assignments (written and oral)
 - attend and participate in class conference calls
 - *Notify class leaders if a conflict arises in any of these areas.*
- **Class Trips** – Attend all class trips and All Class Retreats every February
- **Congressional Award** – Achieve one new level of the Congressional Award per year, or a minimum of Bronze Medal by graduation
- **Sunday School** – Attend Sunday School at least 75% of the time
- **GPA** – Strive to maintain a 2.75 GPA and achieve a cumulative 2.75 GPA by graduation
- **DiscoveryBound NLC Standards** – Abide by the NLC Participant Statement of Understanding

DiscoveryBound Standards: I am not engaged in, nor do I advocate the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity and premarital sex, which I understand are inappropriate for a DiscoveryBound/NLC role model. Also, I will not engage in public displays of affection that would make others feel uncomfortable. I will treat all adults and peers with respect and kindness.

Questions? Please call 888-416-7348 ext 134 or email nlc@discoverybound.org