

## Hillel Ambassador Application

Thank you for your interest in the position of Hillel Ambassador. Please fill out the following application and email to Mariya Leyderman- [leyd0006@umn.edu](mailto:leyd0006@umn.edu) Questions? Contact Maryia or Andrea Golden, Director of Student Life [andrea@ujews.com](mailto:andrea@ujews.com) or call Hillel at 612-379-4026.

### **Background Information:**

**Student Ambassador Applications for 2011-2012 are open to any current undergraduate voting member and are due by 4:30 p.m. April 7!**

If you are running for an executive position and want to be considered for an ambassador position if not elected, you must still submit an Ambassador application.

**There will be 8 Ambassadors chosen, including 3 that will focus on one of the following areas in addition to the general Ambassador responsibilities. (See question #8 on application)**

Training of the newly elected student board and appointed ambassadors for 2011-2012 will take place during the 6 weeks after elections before the conclusion of the academic year and will be focused on getting organized for the 2011-2012 year. There will be 4 training sessions and all officers and ambassadors are expected to attend all sessions.

The **Duties of Hillel Ambassadors** include, but are not limited to the following

- Planning at least one program per semester with a programming committee consisting of mostly non-board members. They will oversee that programming committee and all aspects of their programs. These programs will encompass all facets of programming mentioned in the Hillel Student Purpose Statement.
- Attending all student board meetings and all student planning meetings to the best of their ability. They are responsible for notifying the Vice President if unable to attend.
- Serving as “Ambassadors” at all Hillel events and helping to foster a warm and welcoming atmosphere so that all peoples feel comfortable and accepted.
- Serving on at least one Jewish Culture Month programming committee and actively promoting all Jewish Culture Month events.

### **3 NEW FOCUS AREAS** for Ambassadors this year:

*BLU Crew liaison* – BLU Crew is a group of Jewish students who connect with other first-year students (majority freshman), who live in the Residence Halls or off campus, helping to engage them and connect them to other Jewish students and their specific Jewish interests whether that be Hillel or other things. The added responsibilities of this position as an Ambassador include, but are not limited to:

- Attending BLU Crew meetings on behalf of the Board and reporting back to the Board
- Being in constant communication with Mike Kann to see what support the Board can give to BLU Crew members or what the BLU Crew members can do to help support the Board.

*Jewish Culture Month coordinator*- The added responsibilities of this position as an Ambassador include, but are not limited to:

- Overseeing the planning of JCM activities beginning immediately upon the installation of the Ambassador position in the spring.
- Recruit and work with a committee of students to plan Jewish Culture Month.
- Arrange meetings for students planning programs during JCM and be there to help with any details
- Assign one Ambassador/Board member to each of the activities being planned throughout the month
- Reserve or oversee all campus/outside locations and food permits for programs to be held away from Hillel

*Israel representative on campus* – The added responsibilities of this position as an Ambassador include, but are not limited to:

- Being the Israel Liaison to student groups on campus.
- Being the Israel affiliate for Hillel International (SIC) and the ICC (Israel on Campus Coalition)
- Filling out grant requests for Israel related programming through Hillel or on Campus.
- Bring Israel related requests from outside Hillel to the Board for further discussion and implementation.
- Stay current on the Israel happenings in the Twin Cities and on Campus and report back to the Board
- Maintain constant communication with Andrea Golden, Director of Student Life, regarding Israel related information

**Ambassador Application**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year in school:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail/phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Describe what you think of when you hear “Hillel Ambassador” and how you would be that person.**

**2. How might you reach out to the new student(s) at an event when you are surrounded by friends you haven’t seen in a while to foster a warm and welcoming atmosphere and make everyone comfortable? How might you follow up with the new student(s) you met?**

**3. What are some ways you would reach out to students who do not usually come to Hillel to try to get them connected?**

**4. Previous program planning/leadership experience (outside of Hillel)**

**5. Have you planned any programs for Hillel in the past and if so what?**

**6. Areas of program planning interest (check all that apply)**

- Israel**
- First Year Outreach**
- Holiday/cultural**
- Social action**
- Social**
- Religious**
- Other (Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Why do you think it is important to include non-board members in your program planning committee and how would you go about recruiting students to serve on your committee(s)?**

**8. Do you have any interest in one of the new focus areas for student ambassadors? (BLU Crew liason, Jewish Culture Month coordinator or Israel representative on campus) If so, please explain and give some examples of things you would do with this additional responsibility.**

**9. One of the responsibilities of each ambassador is to serve on a Jewish Culture Month program planning committee. Is there something specific that you can think of related to Jewish Culture Month that you would like to be involved in? Please describe.**

**10. What ideas do you have to promote all Jewish Culture Month events to everyone on campus to significantly increase attendance at JCM programs?**

**11. Give a brief outline of one program idea you have.**

**12. What are some other activities you are involved in at the U?**

**13. What are some of your hobbies?**

**14. Anything else you would like us to know:**

*Thank you for applying. Make sure you have answered every question!!!*