Southwestern Oklahoma State University

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP CLASS

PLC Application Packet

Deadline: March 1st

President's Leadership Class Program Overview

Introduction

The President's Leadership Class (PLC) is a four-year program offered by SWOSU to recognize outstanding leadership qualities in approximately fifteen beginning freshmen students and to encourage their participation as SWOSU campus leaders. The program is designed to assist in promoting and developing effective academic, social, and leadership skills. This will be accomplished through direct participation in campus activities, seminars, guest speakers, recruitment, and alumni efforts. The students will also enroll in a leadership course which will be offered exclusively to PLC students.

Criteria

1. Applicants must be unconditionally accepted for admission to SWOSU.
2. Applicants must return the completed President's Leadership Class (PLC) application by **March 1st**.
3. Applicants must submit a high school transcript and resume with the PLC application.
4. Applicants must submit two recommendations using the forms provided. The recommendation forms should be completed by teachers, counselors, administrators or other appropriate school personnel. We request that ONLY the form included in this packet be completed by your references. **The recommender should send the form directly to SWOSU at the address listed on the form.**
5. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:
    - ACT of at least 24
    - Top 40% of graduating class
    - Exceptional activities, athletics, or community service.

Scholarship

1st Year –$1,000 scholarship ($500/semester), a full, semi-private room scholarship and enrollment in the PLC leadership course

2nd Year –$1,000 scholarship ($500/semester), a sponsored trip to Washington, D.C., and enrollment in the PLC leadership course

3rd and 4th Year – Mentoring of first and second year PLC members, campus leadership roles, university activities and possible internships on campus. Students may be eligible for continuing scholarships.

Participation in the program will be sustained if members maintain high academic standards while exercising practical leadership in university activities. Students are expected to live on campus or in the Weatherford community while participating in the PLC program. Students may incur some incidental expenses related to this program. Some travel may be involved. Travel to some destinations may be optional. Students are responsible for their own medical needs including insurance. Students selected to PLC will be required to submit a photo for press releases within one week of acceptance of the award. *Note: Scholarships may be taxable depending on each person's individual circumstances.*

President's Leadership Class Application

Part I—Information

Please print or type.

Name: _____ SWOSU ID: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____
(Please be sure the email address provided is a private and reliable address to which you will have access. SWOSU will be communicating important information to you through this email account throughout the PLC application process.)

High School: _____ City, State: _____

High School GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ Out of: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Intended College Major: _____

Highest ACT composite score: _____
Have you applied for admission to SWOSU? ❑Yes ❑No
If yes, have you been accepted? ❑Yes ❑No

Employment Information (Student):

Are you presently employed ❑Yes ❑No Employer: _____

Number of hours worked per week: _____ Address: _____

Parent Information *(Optional)*:

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation/Employer: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation/Employer: _____

Alumni Information *(Optional)*:

Has a member of your family graduated from SWOSU?

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Graduation Year: _____

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Military Information *(Optional Info for Lucille & Mike North Award)*:

Are you a U.S. Military service member (active, inactive or veteran; including National Guard)? ❑Yes ❑No

Is either parent a U.S. Military veteran or active Military Service member? ❑Yes ❑No

If yes, please list name(s), rank & dates of service: _____

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Return completed application to:
President's Leadership Class, SWOSU Admissions & Recruitment Office,
100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096
Phone: 580.774.3782 Fax: 580.774.7131

Part II—Essay Questions

Please answer both essay questions. Type the responses on a separate sheet of paper.
Responses should follow these guidelines:

- Double-spaced
- 1" margins
- 12 pt. font
- One page maximum per question

1. **If you were able to take a leadership course taught by your most admired leader, who is this leader and what would s/he teach you about leadership?**

2. **In your own words, what is the definition of a leader?**

Part III— Resume and Recommendations

Resume

Please provide a resume that includes leadership experiences, honors, and high school activities. Please submit the resume with this application.

Recommendations

Please provide us with **two references** who can attest to your leadership qualities. Your recommendation forms should be completed by teachers, counselors, administrators or other appropriate school personnel. We request that ONLY the form included in this packet be completed by your references. The recommender should send the form directly to SWOSU.

Please indicate how you initially became aware of PLC (check one):

- ☐ Mailings
- ☐ High School Counselor
- ☐ College Fair
- ☐ SWOSU Saturday (senior preview day)
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Other_____

Application Agreement

If selected for an interview candidates will be contacted by a representative of SWOSU to select a date and time.

I understand that interviews for PLC are required. If selected for an interview, I will make myself available.

If selected to the President's Leadership Class at SWOSU, I will abide by the university and PLC Codes of Conduct and I will represent SWOSU with integrity and professionalism.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

7/2012

President's Leadership Class Recommendation

Student's Name: _____ High School: _____

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Please honestly answer the questions below.

1. How well do you know the applicant?
   - ☐ very well (contact at school and away from school)
   - ☐ better than average (contact in classes and around school)
   - ☐ as well as I know most students (usual class contact, etc.)
   - ☐ not very well (contact in class only)

2. Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

Judgment/Common Sense
Reflects the type of judgment the individual makes and the degree to which he/she can function without specific direction.

☐ Superior ☐ Above Average ☐ Average ☐ Below Average ☐ No Info

Dependability
Reflects the reliance that can be placed on the individual to successfully carry out all of the responsibilities of an assigned task to a successful completion.

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Reflects ability to work in a harmonious manner with others. This trait includes attitude and cooperation.

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President's Leadership Class Recommendation*(Continued)*

3. What would you list as the applicant's strongest characteristics?

4. What would you list as the applicant's weakest characteristics?

5. Please include any additional comments which may be helpful to the selection committee.

6. Membership in this program is very selective. As such, only the finest leaders will be tapped for membership. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please check the box that corresponds to your answer for the following statement. Acting as a reference for this applicant, I

- ❑ highly recommend
- ❑ recommend
- ❑ neither recommend nor do not recommend
- ❑ do not recommend this applicant be admitted into the SWOSU President's Leadership Class.

Recommender's name_____

Recommender's signature_____

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