

Nurturing the Tree of Life

Peer Health Advocate Application

The **South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council (SCHAC)** in partnership with **SC State University (SC State)** is excited about your interest in the HBCU Nurturing the Tree of Life (NTTL) HIV/AIDS Prevention Training for **Peer Health Advocates (PHAs)**. PHAs will be trained to facilitate the NTTL HBCU intervention with eligible candidates from each of the participating HBCU campuses in the state of South Carolina. Subsequently, PHAs will be responsible for facilitating four (4) NTTL HIV/AIDS health education/risk reduction prevention sessions and making student referrals to campus and local community health services.

Nurturing the Tree of Life is an HIV Prevention Curriculum originally developed in 1995. The four modules will include discussions on: HIV Knowledge, Attitudes and Beliefs, Relationships, and Risk Reduction. The peer-led facilitation model removes power imbalances in the discussions and encourages freedom of expression, giving students ownership in the discussions

Application for PHAs may be obtained from the **Student Success and Retention Program (SSRP)**, **Brooks Health Center (BHC)** or through the SCHAC website (www.schivaidsCouncil.org – Please click on the respective school icon to obtain appropriate application package). Completed applications should be submitted to Terrence Cummings (SSRP) or Pinkey Carter (BHC). NTTL applications will be accepted between February 2010 and close of business on Friday, March 12, 2010. You will be informed if you have been selected by March 31, 2010. There will be a **MANDATORY** NTTL Peer Health Advocate training at SC State University with the selected PHA candidates from all participating campuses on **April 17, 2010**. If selected, you will be notified and provided enrollment forms. We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to your potential participation!

Below notes the minimum qualifications of a successful PHA candidate. Please review the qualifications prior to submission of the completed application package. NTTL extends to you best wishes in the selection process.

Peer Health Advocate Qualifications

Responsibilities

- Attend the **MANDATORY** NTTL Peer Health Advocate training at **SC State University on April 17, 2010**.
- Facilitate four (4) NTTL HIV/AIDS health education/risk reduction prevention sessions.
- Make student referrals to campus and local community health services.

Qualifications

- 2.5 GPA (minimum)
- Reliable/Trustworthy
- Flexible Schedule
- Can facilitate open discussions regarding sexuality and relationships
- Can understand differences of opinion

Benefits

- Extensive training on Sexual Health and Wellness
- Leadership Skills
- Service-Learning Credit
- Financial Incentive



Name _____

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Complete the entire application for submission by Friday, March 12, 2010. Please type or print legibly so that your application will be accurately reviewed. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applications are also available online at www.schivaidsCouncil.org.

Name: _____

Cell: _____ Permanent Phone: _____

Local Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Permanent Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Major: _____ Classification: _____

1. Have you had any related peer education experience? Yes No (If yes please describe).

2. Do you have a job or do volunteer work elsewhere? Yes No (If yes, please describe)

3. If selected as a NTTL Peer Health Advocate, you will be required to attend the training on **April 17, 2010**. You will implement the four module NTTL curriculum during in University 101. Are you willing to make the time commitment which has been described? Yes No (If no please explain)

4. Why do you want to be a NTTL Peer Health Advocate?

5. Circle the letter that best describes your current knowledge of HIV/AIDS.

- A. Extensive
- B. Moderate
- C. Some
- D. Very Little

6. What are the top three strengths you possess that can contribute as a NTTL Peer Health Educator?

7. What do you want to gain from your experiences as a NTTL Peer Health Advocate?

8. Other than HIV/AIDS, what health education issues or concerns are of particular interest to you?

9. How did you learn about the NTTL Peer Health Advocacy Program?

10. Please list up to three (3) activities and/or organizations you participated in during high school.

11. Please list three (3) activities and/or organizations in which you currently participate at SC State.

12. If selected, would you be willing to serve a two-year term?

Please list the name, department and position title, as well as a contact number for two (2) campus references who could provide additional information regarding your participation (e.g. faculty, staff, dorm director, coach). One of these individuals should complete the attached reference form.

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Reference Page

Please have each reference complete this page and submit it with your completed application.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Department: _____

Phone Number: _____

1. How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

2. How do you know this student?

3. Would you recommend this student to be a Peer Health Advocate with the Nurturing the Tree of Life HIV Prevention Initiative and work with freshmen to implement the curriculum? Yes No

4. Please provide a specific example that explains why you believe this student will make a good candidate for the program.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

