

AN INVITATION TO SERVE

Student Ambassadors

AS PART OF OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, Loyola University Chicago is honored to serve as partner for the selection and presentation of the 2020 Opus Prize, which recognizes faith-based humanitarian leaders addressing some of the world's most persistent social problems. We will be extending the life-changing opportunity for six Loyola students to serve as 2020 Opus Prize Student Ambassadors. During the spring 2020, these students will accompany LUC faculty and members of

the Opus Prize Foundation Board on "due diligence" site visits to engage with the finalists and their organizations and to observe their meaningful and important work. The Student Ambassador voice will be an integral part of the final section process for award winners. Final decisions are made by the Opus Prize Foundation. The 2020 Opus Prize finalist sites and the social issues being addressed are not yet known, so we ask Student Ambassador applicants to approach this process with flexibility.

We invite you to carefully review this information and give your sincere consideration to submitting an application for the 2020 Opus Student Ambassador program. We seek Loyola University Chicago students who:

- Are actively engaged as leaders or have an interest in impacting the LUC campuses and/or Chicago community;
- Are in both good academic and disciplinary standing;
- Will be enrolled as undergraduate or graduate students on campus for the Spring 2020 Semester and the Fall 2020 Semester;
- Share a demonstrated commitment matching the Opus Prize Foundation values of passion for service, social justice and entrepreneurship, and leading faith-inspired sustainable change.

COMMITMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

- Commit to travel for a week-long site visit over the March 2020 Spring Break or immediately following the end of the Spring 2020 Semester in May 2020 (anticipated dates range from May 7–21, 2020). Travel expenses (airfare, lodging, and meals) associated with this trip will be covered by the Opus Prize Foundation and Loyola University Chicago.
- Be flexible! The locations of Opus Prize finalists' site locations are not yet known. Ambassadors will be assigned to a site visit and must be open to all trip date options and locations.
- Commit to attend several pre-site visit orientation meetings to prepare for the visit process.
- Serve as a liaison between the 2020 Opus Prize Steering Committee and LUC campus student organizations to help educate, excite, and engage the student body about upcoming Opus Prize events. These events would occur early in the Fall 2020 Semester.
- Commit to attend 2020 Opus Prize Week events held on campus at the University and at venues in Chicago. Some Opus Prize events will begin in September and October 2020 with the majority of events held from Sunday–Thursday, November 8–12, 2020.
- Serve as hosts for Opus Prize finalists when they arrive to campus, attend various Opus Prize Week events, and provide the compelling introduction of your finalist at Opus Prize campus and community events.
- Attend and assist with Opus Prize Event Ceremony set up, rehearsal, presentations, and reception to be held Thursday, November 12, 2020, at the Gentile Center as an honored Opus Prize Student Ambassador.

► *Learn more about the Opus Prize, the Opus Prize Foundation Values, and past award recipients at opusprize.org.*

► **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5 PM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019.**

Student Ambassador Application

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL COMPONENTS BY 5 PM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019.

I STUDENT BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

FULL NAME

PREFERRED FIRST OR NICK NAME (IF APPLICABLE)

SCHOOL ADDRESS

HOME/PERMANENT (IF DIFFERENT FROM LOCAL)

CELL PHONE

LOYOLA EMAIL (THIS WILL BE THE PRIMARY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.)

I AM CURRENTLY ENROLLED AS AN: UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GRADUATE STUDENT

ANTICIPATED LOYOLA GRADUATION DATE

MAJOR / DEGREE PROGRAM

I HOLD A PASSPORT/TRAVEL DOCUMENT THAT IS VALID THROUGH JULY 2020.

YES NO

For information purposes only, not to be shared outside of the committee selecting student representatives.

If selected, a valid passport will be required for any international visits. Possession of a passport is not a criterion for selection.

I WILL BE AN ENROLLED STUDENT AT LUC AND IN CHICAGO FOR THE FALL 2020 SEMESTER.

YES NO

I AM IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO.

YES NO

IF NO, PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF YOUR CURRENT ACADEMIC STANDING.

I AM IN GOOD DISCIPLINARY STANDING WITH THE STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT AS OUTLINED BY THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT HANDBOOK.

YES NO

IF NO, PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF YOUR CURRENT DISCIPLINARY STANDING.

Student Ambassador Application

II VIDEO APPLICATION • MAXIMUM OF 90 SECONDS

Please tell us a story about an unsung hero who has influenced you.

III LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

Please request a letter of endorsement from a person who can share parts of your story that make you a candidate to represent your University during and after the Opus Prize site visits. As examples of acceptable endorsers, this letter can come from a family member, mentor, teacher, employer, or friend.

TO THE PERSON WHO WILL WRITE THE LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT:

Loyola University Chicago will select six students to visit sites somewhere in the world in March or May 2020 to help assess the humanitarian work being done by social entrepreneurs eligible for the \$1 million Opus Prize. Please visit opusprize.org for additional background.

POTENTIAL PROMPTS FOR THE LETTER:

- How have this student's life experiences or international experiences or commitments prepared her/him to engage with the humanitarians and communities that will be encountered during site visits?
- What unique viewpoint can this student contribute to the groups that will be make these visits?
- How do you believe this would contribute to the student's intellectual and personal growth at Loyola?

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2019

A hard copy of the Letter of Endorsement may be sent to the address below in a manner that will guarantee its traceability (e.g. certified mail) and guard against it being lost in the mail. Alternatively, it may be emailed as an attachment. Please include "Important: 2020 Opus Prize" in the subject line.

**For questions
or additional
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