2010-2011 MLP Big Brother Application

The Men’s Leadership Project at the University of Virginia develops leadership skills and healthy conceptions of masculinity in Charlottesville-area boys and men through education and mentoring. MLP fosters a gender-aware perspective that acknowledges a wide range of masculinities, and encourages active participation in respectful and anti-violent community roles for men and boys while focusing on three core concepts: Authenticity, Respect, and Strength.

MLP accomplishes this mission by training and pairing a diverse group of undergraduate men with a select group of fifth grade boys at Walker Upper Elementary School and a select group of sixth grade boys at Burley Middle School, both in Charlottesville, VA.

MLP is co-sponsored by the Women’s Center and the Curry School of Education.

Spring 2010 Timeline:

Friday, March 19th: Applications due to the Men’s Leadership Project at mlpatuva@gmail.com or to the Women’s Center reception desk (across from White Spot on the Corner) at 1400 University Ave (The Corner Building).

March 15th-26th: Application Screening & Interviews

Tuesday, March 30th: Notification of the Spring 2010 Training Class via email

Expectations for Participation & Successful Completion of this Program
* Complete training program (spring 2010): Tuesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 from 7-9pm.
* Enrollment in an academic service-learning course through the Curry School of Education for both the fall (2010) and spring (2011) semesters.
* Weekly one-on-one contact plus structured group activities with your Little Brother (5th or 6th grade student) throughout fall (2010) and second spring (2011) semesters.
* Minimum commitment of one full academic year as a mentor
* Assisting Program Co-Directors and other participants to develop growing program
* Members will have significant input into the overall structure and facilitation of the program.
Big Brother Application Form 2010-2011

Deadline: *Friday, March 19, 2010*

A. Please Print the Following Information:

Name: _____________________________________________________
Date: ______________________________________________________
Name you prefer (nickname): _________________________________
Age:_________
Year in School:_______   Major: _______________________________
Email address: _________________ __________________
School address: ______________________________________________
Phone: (____)_____-___________
Emergency Contact Name: ______________________________________
Emergency Phone: ____________________________________________

B. Free Response

Answer each question in 250 words or less.
1. What are your expectations for participating in this program?

2. What do you consider to be the roles of male leaders in a community?

3. Describe an unhealthy or problematic ‘masculine’ behavior and briefly explain what you think could be the origin(s) of that behavior.

4. Tell us about any relevant experience you have had with children in this age group. (Lists are acceptable)

5. Please list your other extracurricular commitments for fall semester, 2010. How much time is required for each? (Lists are acceptable)
D. Statement Concerning Criminal Record

I certify and warrant that I have not been convicted of any offense involving child abuse or sexual or physical misconduct with a minor, nor have I been convicted of any felony. In addition, I recommend the following three people as personal and/or professional references for my application (no written letters required):

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Signature (full legal name): ___________________________ Date:_____

E. Liability Statement

By completing this application, I understand and acknowledge that I am acting in the capacity of a volunteer with, not an employee of, the University of Virginia. Accordingly, I hereby assume full and complete responsibility for my own actions taken while participating in, or acting as a volunteer. I understand that the university is not responsible to me for any personal injury, property damage or loss that may arise out of my participation in this program. In consideration for being permitted to volunteer, I agree to hold the University harmless from any liability caused by my acts or omissions as a volunteer.

Signature (full legal name): ___________________________ Date:_____

Thank you for your interest in joining us. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Dolan at 434.243.8593 or at jmd7q@virginia.edu.