

## **COGO Student Leadership Team Information**

COGO NXTGen Student Ministry believes in empowering student leaders for ministry purposes within the Church of God in Ohio. The COGO Student Leadership Team has been established to give student leaders within the Church of God across Ohio the opportunity to lead and give direction to the Ohio State Youth Convention. Below is information relevant to that team.

This team shall be comprised of the following persons:

- The COGO NXTGen Student Pastor.
- Two participants from the Student Ministry Team.
- Approved student leaders from all five (5) districts of COGO. No more than 10 (ten) students shall serve on the Student Leadership Team at a time.

### **Qualifications**

- A personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Regularly attend 75% of worship and student ministry activities at the local congregation.
- Have a positive attitude and a willing heart.

### **Responsibilities of the SLT**

- Assist with the planning and carrying out of the Ohio State Youth Convention.
  - Believing in the empowering of students, the SLT shall work in conjunction with the SMT to be the main driving force of OSYC.
  - SLT participants are empowered to create and develop the theme for the convention, ideas for breakout sessions, ideas for programming ideas, speaker, and worship leaders.
- Participate in leadership development opportunities during time of service.

### **Expectations**

- Active participant in relationship with Jesus Christ through personal study of God's word and prayer.
- Set the example for other students at all times including through words, actions, social media at home, school, extra-curricular activities, work, and church.
- Participate in student ministry activities within the local congregation.
- Attend & participate Student Leadership Team meetings, training, etc. SLT members need to be committed to attending two in person meetings and up to 3 virtual meetings. Meeting dates and locations will be made public upon participants notification of being a part of the team.
- Actively participate in discussions at Student Leadership Team meetings.
- Be willing & able to take on and complete assigned tasks in a timely manner.
- Communicate all problems, concerns, situations to the COGO NXTGen Student Pastor, or, another member of the COGO Student Ministry Team.
- Willingness to work through personal differences with others in a Christ-like manner.
- Ask for help whenever needed. We are all workers together!
- SLT participants will serve for a period of one (1) year—December through OSYC.

### **Process for Selection to the SLT**

- Fill out and return an application for participation on the Student Leadership Team.
- At least three (3) references will be required from each applicant. One of those references should be either the Lead Pastor or Youth Pastor from the applicant's local congregation.
- An interview with the COGO NXTGen Student Ministry Pastor and two participants from the Student Ministry Team will be conducted in the early fall of each year.
- Students approved to be a part of the SLT will be informed prior to OSYC.

- SLT participants for the following year's OSYC will be announced at the Sunday morning worship time of the previous year's OSYC.

### **Term of Service**

- Students appointed to the COGO Student Leadership Team are asked to serve for one (1) year.
- Time of service is from December through the following OSYC.
- SLT Calendar
  - Applications for SLT are due by September 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
  - Applications processed, interviews conducted, and references checked by October 1st each year.
  - Appointees notified by October 15th each year.
  - OSYC planning sessions will be conducted the first Saturday of January each year and the first Saturday of April each year. Dates are flexible if necessary.
  - Occasional Zoom meetings or phone conference calls may be required throughout the year depending upon progress of plans in preparation for OSYC.
  - Expenses for SLT meetings will be provided by COGO. This includes food and any housing needs. Travel expenses are the responsibility of the parents or legal guardians of SLT participants.

I covenant with the COGO NXTGen Student Ministry to live a life that honors Jesus Christ. I agree to live by the expectations outlined in this ministry agreement.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



### COGO Student Leadership Team Application

Please print clearly with an ink pen.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email that you use: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church City \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Youth Pastor/Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a student leader in your local church? (check one)  Yes  No

If yes, how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Please take a few moments to respond to the prompts below. You are welcome to type out your responses and attach the printed document to the application.

Share a little bit about your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Describe your personal devotional life. How do you spend time with God outside of church and youth events?

Describe how you are currently serving on a regular basis in your local church.

Describe how you are making a difference in the student ministry in your local church.

Give a brief description of your talents and gifts that would help you in these areas. If you have taken a Spiritual Gifts Assessment, what are your top three spiritual gifts?

How do you represent Jesus on social media, at work, home, and school?

Please be sure to read through the expectations outlined in the earlier pages of this application. In signing this application, all parties understand the expectations of those students chosen to be a part of the COGO NXTGen Student Leadership Team.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Consent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Pastor/Leader Consent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

You have completed your portion of the application. Please give this application to your Youth Pastor, youth Leader or Pastor to complete the last section of the application. Be sure to allow them time to mail it in before the scheduled due date (**September 1st of each year**).

Please submit SLT applications to the following either by snail mail or email:

R.W. Moody, Jr.  
COGO NXTGen Student Pastor  
446 N. Heincke Road  
Miamisburg, OH 45342  
Email: [rw@cogo.church](mailto:rw@cogo.church)

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**COGO NXTGen Student Leadership Team Recommendation**  
**(To be filled out by a Pastor, Youth Pastor, or Youth Leader)**

**Dear Pastor, Youth Pastor or Youth Leader:**

The COGO NXTGen Student Leadership Team is an opportunity for student leaders in the state to have a role of empowerment in leading the Ohio State Youth Convention. This is a great opportunity. Each student who applies for the COGO Student Leadership Team must also be recommended by a pastor, youth pastor or youth leader. Please take time to complete the questions below and submit it with the student's completed application by the deadline. Please be as candid and honest as possible when it comes to the responses below.

Thank you!

Youth Pastor/Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church City \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student being recommended (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Is this student a committed Christian?  Yes  No

Does this student attend worship services regularly?  Yes  No

Does this student attend local student ministry meetings & events?  Yes  No

To your knowledge, does this student feel a call to work/serve in ministry?  Yes  No

Does this student show leadership abilities?  Yes  No

Please explain:

Is this student currently involved in serving in a ministry at your church?  Yes  No

Please list areas of involvement in your church:

Do you believe this student is willing and capable to work with the COGO NXTGen Student Leadership Team to plan, develop and lead next year's OSYC?  Yes  No

Please explain:

Have you read the student's signed and completed application?  Yes  No

Do you agree that this student is qualified to be a part of the COGO NXTGen SLT?  Yes  No

Would you recommend him/her as a COGO NXT Gen Student Leader? (Check one)

Yes, I very strongly recommend.

Yes, I strongly recommend.

Yes, I recommend with some reservations. Please contact me about this student.

No, I cannot recommend them at this time.

Pastor/Youth Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If you would like to share additional comments about this student, please attach an additional sheet and submit the completed forms to:

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Church of God Ohio

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