

EMPOWER II

Program Application

Fall 2009

Name: _____

Unique ID: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone #: _____

Campus Address: _____

Year in College: 1st Year 2nd Year 3rd Year 4th Year 5th Year

Major(s): _____

Total Credit Hours Registered for Spring Semester: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Do you intend to use EMPOWER II for a +1 credit for a Miami Plan class? Yes___ No___

Do you apply to use EMPOWER II for Honors/Scholars Credit? Yes___ No___

When were you last enrolled in the Empower program? _____

Please rank your preferred area of community service: Tutoring _____ Hunger _____ Housing _____

Animal _____ Environmental _____ Social Services _____ Other: _____

Are you interested in participating in the Alternative Spring Break Trip: Very ___ Somewhat___ No___

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a paragraph for each question.

1. Why would you like to participate in EMPOWER II?
2. What social issue or community agency would you like to serve and build a relationship with this semester? Why?
3. If you are interested in also participating in the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) to Miami, OK, please briefly explain why and your level of commitment. If you are not considering participating in the ASB, you do not need to complete this question.

Please attach a copy of your Spring 2009 schedule, including courses, work and extracurricular activities.

I have read the EMPOWER II Fall 2009 application and overview. I agree to fulfill my responsibilities as an EMPOWER II participant.

Signature _____ Date _____

Applications due September 7, 2009.

**Please return completed application to the front desk of
The Office of Community Engagement & Service,
located next to CAB, in the Hanna House on E. Spring Street
513-529-2961**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

MISSION

EMPOWER II is a semester long program intended for students at Miami University who have completed the first EMPOWER course and are interested in continuing their understanding of social issues impacting local communities. EMPOWER II is a rewarding yet intensive program that combines service, education, and critical personal reflection to foster social awareness and build community. Through EMPOWER, the Office of Community Engagement & Service seeks to cultivate and support Miami students who will continue to serve and participate in their community as engaged citizens.

SERVICE

Service projects for Empower II will be self-selected. The goal of the service component of Empower II is to allow students to explore their personal passions while receiving some guidance from the Office of Community Engagement & Service. Students will be encouraged to research agencies of interest and choose one to engage with over the course of the semester. In order to deepen understandings of social issues and gain direct experience, EMPOWER II participants are required to dedicate a minimum of one hour of service weekly or two hours bi-weekly during the semester.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend six bi-weekly meetings beginning the week of September 15th and ending the week of November 10th. (Meeting times will be dependent on the students' schedules. Will most likely be Monday or Wednesday evenings)
- Commit to a minimum of one hour of service weekly or two hours bi-weekly during the semester.
- Come prepared to discuss and contribute your own thoughts.
- Be a discussion leader and come prepared with a presentation and questions on assigned day.
- *Actively participate* in all discussions and activities.
- Any participants receiving +1, Honors/Scholars or other form of credit will turn in an additional journal assignment regarding each missed meeting. These journals should be turned in no later than 1 week passed the missed meeting.
- Submit a final service portfolio at the end of the semester.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Interest in gaining a deeper understanding of civic engagement and the social issues that confront our local and global society.
- Responsible, mature, have good communication skills, able to work with people from different backgrounds.
- Able to remain open-minded in order to foster an inclusive environment.
- Have successfully completed EMPOWER.

BENEFITS

- Gain a better understanding of oppression that affect people at the local, regional, and national level.
- Foster and build diversity awareness.
- Work firsthand with a local agency.
- Meet other Miami students who are interested in community service and social justice.
- Develop a relationship with the Office of Community Engagement & Service and local core partner agencies.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, September 7, 2009: APPLICATION DEADLINE - Submit completed application to the Office of Community Engagement & Service in the Hanna House (next to the CAB Building).
- Friday, September 10th, 2008: EMPOWER II selections are made, applicants are notified.
- Week of September 15th, 2009: First meeting.
- Week of November 10th 2009: Final meeting.

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