Alternative MLK Weekend Participant Application 2015-2016

DEADLINE: Monday, November 16th, 2015 @ 5pm

Applications should be submitted in person to the Center for Civic Engagement (Lightsey 203)

$15 non-refundable application fee is due upon submission.

** Application fees go toward Alternative Break scholarships

**Check or cash is acceptable. Make checks payable to “College of Charleston – Alternative Break.”

The Alternative Break program and the Center for Civic Engagement are committed to providing access for all people with disabilities. Please contact Christopher Ciarcia, Associate Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at ciarciac@cofc.edu for more information.

Issues and Communities

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service / Refugee Resettlement
Atlanta, Georgia | New American Pathways | Cost: $50

The Center for Civic Engagement is excited to send a delegation of passionate and committed student leaders to Atlanta, Georgia this year in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy of service. Through pre-departure education and direct service to the community in which Dr. King was born, participants will explore the impact that a legacy of service and community activism can have on a community. The group will seek opportunities to assist various community organizations in the Atlanta area including New American Pathways, an organization that works on refugee and immigrant resettlement, and the Atlanta Community Food Bank. When participants are not busy contributing through service, the group will seek opportunities to explore various historical sites with ties to the life and work of Dr. King.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, “What are you doing for others?”
- Martin Luther King Jr.

Important Dates

Attendance is mandatory for listed dates.

Some meetings will occur during normally scheduled class hours, please plan accordingly when considering for a trip.

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Monday, November 23rd All applicants notified of trip selection

Sunday, December 6th Active Citizenship & Community Engagement/EOT #1 | 3:00-6:00 p.m. | Maybank 100

Monday, December 7th 50% of trip cost due

Sunday, January 10th 50% of trip cost due

Sunday, January 10th Social Justice & Diversity Workshop/EOT #2 | 3:00-6:00 pm | (TBA)

Friday, Jan. 15th- Monday Jan. 18th MLK Alternative Break

**TBD by trip: You will also be meeting as a trip group and for pre/post service projects**
Full Name (as it appears on government I.D.): ____________________________________________

Nickname: __________________________________________ Phone: _______________________

Permanent Address:
________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Local Address:
________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Birthdate (m/d/y): __________ Class Year: _______ Major: _____________________________

E-mail: ___________________________ Student ID #: __________________________

**Voluntary Demographic Data**

Colleges and universities are asked by many, including the federal government, accrediting associations, college guides, newspapers, and our own college/university communities, to describe the backgrounds of our students and employees. In order to respond to these requests, we ask you to answer the following questions. Submission of this information is entirely voluntary.

Religious affiliation: ____________________________

Gender: ____________________________

Are you Hispanic/Latino?
__ Yes
__ No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:
__ American Indian or Alaska Native
__ Asian
__ Black or African American
__ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
__ White

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Essay Questions:

Note: Participants are selected according to interest, availability of space, and answers to the questions listed below. Please remember that this is a blind selection process so please take time to submit thoughtful, typed responses to these questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. If you were stuck on an elevator with the Alternative Break selection committee, what would you want them to know about yourself? Give us your “elevator speech.”

2. Describe a previous service experience for which you are particularly passionate.

3. Describe the role you typically take on a team and provide examples.

4. Explain why you decided to apply for an Alternative Break experience instead of participating in other traditional spring break opportunities.

5. In your opinion, what role do active citizens play in a community?

6. Please provide any additional information that you think we would find useful during the selection process. (ex: Level of Spanish, previous construction or tutoring experience, etc.)