

Early College Awareness Volunteer Application

Spring Semester 2012

What is Early College Awareness?

CILCE's Early College Awareness (ECA) program works with local public and private schools and education organizations to host campus visits and give off-site presentations to help demystify the college experience for students who may eventually be the first in their families to attend. Through developmentally appropriate hands-on activities, we work with elementary and middle school youth to boost their interest and enthusiasm about college and increase their knowledge of higher education opportunities, appropriate high school preparation, ways of paying for college, and different types of institutions, degrees, and career options.

Middle school may sound like a young age to start planning for college, but this is an important time for students to begin thinking about their futures. CILCE reaches out to students from low-income families and most of these students will be the first in their families to go to college. Early College Awareness is looking for volunteers who want to help participate in these visits. Volunteering for ECA is a rewarding experience and it's easy to get involved, plus our middle school visitors love meeting Tommies!

Volunteer Expectations

As an ECA volunteer, you will be guaranteed at least three visits with a minimum of two hours at each visit. You will attend the three mandatory meetings scheduled for:

- **Training:** Sunday, February 19th from 6:30pm-8:00pm
- **Mid-Semester Reflection:** Thursday, March 29th from 11:30am-1:00pm
- **End of the Year Celebration:** Friday, May 11th from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Volunteer Duties

Q&A Panel: Volunteers involved in the Q&A Panel are asked questions by the visiting students that pertain to college. Volunteers will answer according to their own experience, touching on aspects that may be of interest to the middle school students as they begin their preparation for college.

Lunch Leader: Volunteers during lunch will assist the ECA Coordinators. This includes directing a group of students where to go for their food and drink and assisting with clean up. During lunch they will visit with the middle school students about their own college experience.

Campus Tour Leader: Volunteers will lead groups of students around campus for an informal and fun tour. Volunteers will briefly explain all of the main buildings that are seen on a typical college campus.

Activity Leader: Volunteers will assist the ECA Coordinators with different activities pertaining to college. Activities vary and a brief overview before the activity may be required.

*Volunteer duties vary depending on the time of your availability and the schedule of each visit.

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Center for Intercultural Learning and Community Engagement
 Murray Herrick Center 153
 Due Date: Monday, February 13th

Applicant Information			
First Name:		Last Name:	
Student ID Number:		Phone Number:	
UST Email Address:	UST Mail #:	Major(s):	Present Year in School: FR SO JR SR
T-Shirt Size: Small Med Large XLarge	How did you hear about ECA?		

Are you using your Service Hours for any of the following??
<input type="checkbox"/> Busn 200 <input type="checkbox"/> Education Field Experience <input type="checkbox"/> Aquinas Scholars <input type="checkbox"/> Course Credit/Service Learning Requirement: Class name _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Club Hours: Club name _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
<small>*Note: Be sure your service with ECA is approved by your program supervisor or course professor before volunteering.</small>

Availability (please circle all that apply)	
List your availability on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.: <small>* Must have at least two hour time block open (convo is not enough by itself).</small>	Tues: _____ Thur: _____
Each volunteer is guaranteed three visits; would you like to help with more?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please circle ALL dates that you are available for visits. <small>*We will place you in at least three visits unless indicated that you want more.</small>	February 23 rd 28 th March 8 th April 5 th 26 th May 3 rd 10 th

Outreach	
We occasionally present off campus at elementary and middle schools. Would you be interested in this if it works with your above availability?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, do you have a vehicle and are able to drive to the site?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Training
You must attend one training and two reflections in order to volunteer with ECA. Initial by each date below confirming your availability to attend the required sessions:
Training: Sunday, February 19 th 6:30p-8:00p _____
Mid-Semester Reflection: Thursday, March 29 th 11:30a-1:00 p _____
End of the Year Reflection/Celebration: Friday, May 11 th 4:00p-6:00p _____

Questions or concerns? Email Early College Awareness at cilceECA@stthomas.edu

Please Drop Completed Form at any of the following:
 Murray Herrick Center (MHC) 153 or Anderson Student Center (ASC) 241 or (ASC) 224