



Human Relations Ambassadors Program

2018-2019 Graduation Requirements

☐ Meeting Sessions

Meeting sessions are held on select Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm at the OC Human Relations office. Members are required to attend all meetings but will be allowed (5) excused/unexcused absences. If member exceeds the amount, they can continue to participate in the program, but will be unable to graduate.

Internship begins September 19th and ends May 22nd. Graduation will be May 22nd. Please see attached calendar for full dates and details.

☐ Attend (3) Community Events or Meetings

In addition to the monthly meeting dates, members are required to attend (3) community events or meetings. This requirement is to aid members in completing the culminating project and give exposure to other community efforts happening in Orange County. Coordinators will provide opportunities as they arise.

- ✓ Community Meetings: Board of Supervisors, City Council, OC Human Relations Board or Commission Meeting, School District Meeting, City Human Relations Task Force Meeting
- ✓ Community Events: Non-profit community gathering, teach-in, workshop, conference, etc.
- ✓ Document your experience (write a summary or save the program /agenda) and turn it in to coordinators

☐ Writing Assignments

Every leader should be able to articulate their thoughts and passion. Writing is a means of action and expressing your voice. It helps you make sense of an issue and challenges you to take a stand, make a point and communicate with others. Members will be required to complete (3) writing assignments throughout the duration of the program.

- ✓ Write (1) op-ed that explores an issue you care about. The piece should follow the general requirements for op-ed writing pieces. Final piece should be formatted as fit for op-ed writing and between 600-800 words maximum.
- ✓ Write (1) academic piece about a human relations issue. Thorough research and citation (APA/MLA) is required. Final piece should be a minimum of 5-pages double-spaced – does not include citation page.
- ✓ Write (1) name narrative exploring the meaning behind your name. Members are encouraged to speak to family members or conduct academic research to complete assignment. Final piece should be 2-pages minimum.

☐ Public Speaking

Public speaking skills are integral in shaping a strong leader. Public speaking skills build confidence and help leaders in being able to develop their own voice and furthermore, develop skills to engage and work with different populations to enact change. Members will have opportunity to apply for OCHR's Youth Speakers Assembly and/or gain public speaking skills through alternative involvement. Each member is expected to complete (1) public speaking engagement and provide evidence of their participation.

- ✓ Public speaking engagements can be done at your school, school district, any type of local governmental or community meeting, at an OC Human Relations event, etc. It can be in the form of a speech, being part of a panel, facilitating a workshop, or helping to emcee an event.
- ✓ There will be opportunities provided to speak at conferences and other OC Human Relations events.

☐ Community-Wide Project

The culminating assignment for the program requires members to work collaboratively to plan a community-wide event focused on exploring human relations issues.

- ✓ Community-wide projects vary in size, implementation, and impact.
- ✓ Ideas can be a workshop, teach-in, one-day symposium, or community gathering.
- ✓ Members are encouraged to work in small groups and focus on 1-2 specific issue area.
- ✓ Members are not required to execute the event but are required to present their community-wide project at graduation.