

Emerging Leader reflection paper
First year class
Fall

Introduction

The purpose of the first semester within the Emerging Leaders Program is to promote learning more about yourself including you own values in order to better understand your impact on others as a leader. Therefore, please answer these questions (on a separate sheet of paper(s) and typed) regarding **self awareness and self management**, and comment on your leadership experiences this semester:

What are my strengths? How have I utilized and/or how can I utilize them?

What are my weaknesses, and what can I do to improve them?

What skills are important to me and how do they help me improve as a leader?

Who is influencing me? What have I learned from them?

How does my personal history shape who I am (including my values) and what I do?

University of Memphis Leadership Experience

List what student organizations have either chosen to become involved in or are still researching?

Why did you choose those organizations? How do they fit your values as a leader? How has my personality impacted my participation in those organizations?

Community Service

List your community service experiences including where, time and date, and what you did? Note: each experience should be listed separately. Additionally, please answer whether any of these experiences contributed to your (listed below) and if so how:

- 1.) Understanding of diverse cultural, political and intellectual views
- 2.) Willingness to seek new experiences
- 3.) Ability to work well with others
- 4.) Ability to learn from the community what its needs are and how your work addresses those needs
- 5.) Ability to recognize the short-term and long-term impacts of the service
- 6.) Other (if none of the above are applicable please submit a statement that demonstrates what you learned from this experience and explain how)

Speaker experience

Which speakers did you attend? Please list each separately

What influence did these presentations have on your views on leadership? None is an unacceptable answer unless explained why in depth?

How will you apply the knowledge shared in the speakers' presentations to your leadership growth?

Overall Experience

What has been your greatest accomplishment this semester? Greatest challenge?

What has been your most valuable learning opportunity/experience this semester? How have you been able to apply that learning to other experiences?

What are your goals for next semester?

Please rate your abilities in the following areas before and after this semester:

1= Low

5=High

Articulate your skills as a leader

Before						After					
1	2	3	4	5	Unsure	1	2	3	4	5	Unsure

Understanding of the impact of personal history on your development

Before						After					
1	2	3	4	5	Unsure	1	2	3	4	5	Unsure

Articulate values

Before						After					
1	2	3	4	5	Unsure	1	2	3	4	5	Unsure

Relate values to experiences

Before						After					
1	2	3	4	5	Unsure	1	2	3	4	5	Unsure