

**Emerging Leader reflection paper**  
**3rd year class**  
**Fall**

**Introduction**

The third year of the Emerging Leaders Program is intended to promote learning in four areas: **leading change, understanding project and program effectiveness, systems building, and team community building**. Please answer these questions (on a separate sheet of paper(s) and typed) regarding those topics, and comment on your leadership experiences this semester:

What are the difficult issues I have been dealing with in my student leadership roles? (None is an unacceptable answer) How have I responded to those issues?

Where do I get information about these issues? How do I apply this information?

What is my decision making process?

What is a project or event, with which I have taken substantial leadership responsibility with the planning and implementation? How can I relate the work that I have done with that project to the collaborative leadership concepts that I have learned (think back to the sophomore class)?

**University of Memphis Organizational Leadership Experience (You can choose one or multiple organization(s) to answer these questions)**

How has my role within the organization changed this year?

How do I know if am being understood by others? How do I know if I am listening to others and that others feel heard?

How am I helping to bring about positive change within my organization? What process have I implemented?

Is the organization trying its best to reach it goals? How do I know? How am I helping to facilitate this process?

How have I seen the relationship between power and leadership manifest itself within my organization? (Discuss a firsthand experience)

How have I utilized power? How has that use of power aligned or not aligned with my ethical convictions?

**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)

**Workshop experience**

Describe your experience at the workshop this semester. How do you feel about it, what was the most valuable lesson you took from it, how do you believe it will aid your class in developing your senior project?

What, if anything, from the workshop will you be able to apply to your student involvement experience? How did it impact your understanding of being an active contributor to a change-oriented process?

**Speaker experience**

Which speakers did you attend? Please list each separately

What influence did these presentations have on your views on leadership? None is 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?