



DENVER SEMINARY
**Student Leadership Board
Application**

Name: _____ Student ID: _____
Phone: _____ Program of Study: _____
Expected Graduation (Semester): _____

Please read the following materials carefully and submit application documents by **Friday, February 24th, 2023 at 5 pm MST** either by dropping them off at the Student Life and Enrollment Office or via email to StudentLife@denverseminary.edu

To apply, please include the following four items:

- 1) This application
- 2) Your current resume
- 3) One recommendation from a Seminary professor
- 4) One recommendation from a current student

SLB Application Questions (Please provide the answers to these questions on a Word Doc/PDF and answer each question in 150 words or less. When appropriate, feel free to utilize bullet points)

- **Why would you like to be a Student Leadership Board member?**
- **What related experience and abilities do you bring to this role?**
- **Tell us about a team you have been on and what role you played in that context. What did you learn about yourself in that experience?**
- **Over the last six months, what is a trait, quality, skill, or character trait which you have aimed to improve or develop?**
- **As you reflect on your experience as a student at Denver Seminary, what is one pressing need you have observed in the student experience?**
- **What SLB office (listed below) would you be most interested in and why?**
- **What other priorities will compete for your schedule next academic year and where would this responsibility rank in your priorities? (Family, Job, Ministry, Internship, etc.)**



Student Leadership Board Description

The Student Leadership Board (SLB) is a group of eight students who function as an extension of the Student Life Department for the benefit of the seminary and its students. Student Leadership Board exists to develop leaders that will serve as a bi-directional line of communication between the student body and administration and address student priorities through welcoming new students, creating community opportunities, listening to the needs of the student body and responding through advocacy, programming, and resources.

Functions and Responsibilities

- 1) General Board Participation:** Members of the SLB are expected to regularly attend scheduled SLB meetings and participate in all SLB events including Orientation, Welcome Back and other all campus events. (20% of your hours)
- 2) Student Engagement:** Each member of the SLB will focus on a specific priority of the student body and work to enrich the student experience by facilitating connection opportunities, resources, and events (60% of your hours)

The following "offices" have been established:

- SLB President
- Women Seminarists
- RCM Collective (Racial and Cultural Minorities)
- Large Events Coordinator
- Global Students
- Spiritual Life
- Community Coordinators (2)

- 3) New Student Care:** Each SLB member functions as a "host" to an assigned group of incoming students each semester, making contact via text message, phone, and e-mail, and meeting in-person if opportunity allows. (10% of your hours)
- 4) Institutional Representation:** Each SLB member may sit on an academic or ad hoc committee led by the seminary's administration. While students will not serve as an equal voting member, they will have the chance to function as a voice for all students. Committees generally meet for 1.5-2 hours, once a month during fall and spring. (10% of your hours)
- 5) Personal and Professional Development:** SLB members can expect that they will learn through leading their own teams, planning and implementing programming, monthly leadership seminars, 1-1 meetings with staff and a leadership training day each semester.

Membership Details

- The SLB includes members selected through an application process; applicants must have completed at least one Fall or Spring semester at Denver Seminary;
- A membership term lasts one school year (*Aug 2023-May 2024*) with trainings in both March and April 2023;
- Staff members of the Student Life Department serve as supervisors and maintain the right and responsibility to revoke membership if they determine that expectations established below are not being met;
- Membership is estimated to involve about **80 hours** of investment per semester (approx. 5 hours per week for 16 weeks);
- Each member will receive **\$1250/semester on their student account** for their participation. The SLB President will receive \$1500/semester.

Office Descriptions

In addition to the tasks expected of all SLB members, the following representative responsibilities will be as follows:

- **SLB President:** This office is responsible to spearhead the vision casting for the SLB and participate in planning the August and January Leader training, plan and implement all SLB meetings by creating the agenda, leading the meetings and assigning tasks and responsibilities appropriate to the work of the SLB, meet 1-1 with all SLB members on a regular basis, manage the SLB programming budget and attend weekly meetings with SLB staff advisor for supervision and SLB direction setting with the time also focusing on personal and professional development.
- **Women Seminararians:** This office is responsible to identify and address the needs of female students at Denver Seminary, with specific focus given to connecting and resourcing female MDivs and non-counseling MAs. This will include the establishment of a small volunteer leadership team to support the planning and implementation of 2 programs/semester to address the identified needs.
- **RCM Collective (Racial and Cultural Minorities):** This office is responsible to identify and address the needs of students of color (both domestic and international) at Denver Seminary. This will include the establishment of a small volunteer leadership team to support the planning and implementation of 2 programs/semester to address the identified needs.
- **Large Events Coordinator:** This office is responsible, in conjunction with the Student Life office, to plan and implement Orientation, Welcome Back and other established all-campus events. This role will include the creation and management of a team of students to support event implementation to encourage broader campus buy in to community life.
- **Global Students:** This office is responsible to identify and address the needs of global students, keeping in mind their needs and priorities when working within the SLB on programming and initiatives. This role will be also responsible to create a small volunteer team to support the planning and implementation of 2 initiatives or programs per semester to incorporate these students more robustly into the Denver Seminary community.
- **Spiritual Life:** This office is responsible to identify and address the spiritual needs of our Denver Seminary student body. This role will be responsible to create a small volunteer team to support the planning and implementation of 2 programs/semester to address the identified needs as well as to support the Student Life team with the implementation of Community Worship.
- **Community Coordinators (2):** These offices are responsible to creatively and intentionally foster healthy community practices amongst the student population—including on-campus, commuting, and global students. They will work in conjunction with various other SLB offices to increase student engagement within the rhythm of the academic year.

Weekly Commitments (Estimated about 5 hours/week for 16 weeks of semester)

- Meetings (2-3 hours/week)
 - 1x monthly for leadership training and development
 - 2x month with the SLB team for discussion, updates and collaboration
 - 1x/month with volunteer team
 - Meet 1x/month with a Student Life staff member
- Administrative follow up (1 hour/week)
- Program implementation (averaging 1-2 hours/week where some weeks will be more and some with none)

Note: With the Spring 23 meetings, leadership training days, Orientation and Welcome Back events at the beginning of each semester, there will be a significant commitment of hours at that time which will be accounted for by some weeks during the semester requiring less involvement.

Academic and Behavioral Expectations

- Maintain satisfactory academic progress for your degree program as defined by the Academic Catalog;
- Attend and assist with New Student Orientation, Welcome-Back, Community Worship and other relevant all campus events each semester;
- Make every effort, including rearranging one's personal work schedule, to be present at scheduled meetings and events as well as be available as a representative of the student body for ad-hoc events or meetings.

Revocation of the funding and dismissal from the SLB may occur if:

- A member is absent from two consecutive meetings or four in total during the year without a valid reason;
- There is regular disengagement in SLB meetings and/or noticeable lack of follow through with participation/responsibilities;
- A member is found to be responsible for a conduct violation, is suspended, withdraws from the Seminary, is unable to maintain the required GPA for their program, or is academically dismissed;

Personal & Professional Development Opportunities

Members of the SLB can expect to grow as leaders in the following areas of professional development and ministry experience:

- Organizational Communication
- Conflict Resolution
- Administrative Accountability
- Cultural Competency
- Organizational & Group Dynamics
- Collaborative Evaluation & Decision Making
- Project Management & Oversight
- Personal Formation and Spiritual Growth

Important Dates for 2023-2024 SLB

Wednesday, March 21st from 4:00-5:00 pm

New Leadership Teams Meeting

Thursday, April 13th from 4:00-5:30 pm

Pass the Torch! Meeting with Current Team

Thursday, April 27th from 4:00-5:00 pm

Team Training

Saturday, August 19th from 9:00 am-7:00 pm

SLB Retreat

Thursday, August 24th from 3:00-9:00 pm

New Student Orientation

Tuesday, August 29th from 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Convocation & Welcome Back Event