



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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5 pm MST** either by dropping them off at the Student Life and Enrollment Office or via email to [StudentLife@denverseminary.edu](mailto: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 work in tandem with the other student leaders under the direction of the SLB President to address the engagement needs of the student body and work to enrich the student experience by facilitating connection opportunities, resources, and events (60% of your hours)
- 3) **New Student Care:** SLB members may function 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:** SLB members 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 2024-May 2025*) with trainings in both March and April 2024;
- 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.

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

- Meetings (2-3 hours/week)
  - 1x monthly for leadership training and development
  - 1-2x 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 2024 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 2024-2025 SLB

Thursday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> from 4:00-5:30 pm	New Leadership Teams Meeting
Thursday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 pm	Pass the Torch! Meeting with Current Team
Thursday, April 18 <sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 pm	Team Training
Saturday, August 17 <sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-5:00 pm	SLB Retreat
Wednesday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-8:30 pm	New Student Welcome Dinner
Tuesday, August 27 <sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am-2:00 pm	Convocation & Welcome Back Event