



Newman Catholic Student Center at The University of Iowa

Catholic Relief Services University of Iowa Chapter Ambassador Application 2021-2022

Purpose:

The purpose of this leadership role is to lead the effort to organize, develop, and promote a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) University chapter at the University of Iowa. The goal of CRS University Chapters is to partner with colleges and universities to equip university students as leaders and advocates for the global common good through CRS. Through meaningful action focused on leadership, advocacy and fundraising, CRS University Chapters are joining others across the US in CRS' campaigns on pressing global issues, seeking to address the root causes of global injustices and inequities. This leader will be supervised by the Director of Outreach and Education, actively participate in the Diocese of Davenport CRS Chapter, work with the Deacon assigned to CRS in the Office of Social Action, and collaborate closely with the Service and Social Justice Fellow at the Newman Center.

Benefits:

- Participation in ongoing training and skill-building opportunities; receive relevant resources and support from CRS Staff.
- Learn about current global issues as well as the root causes of global poverty and injustice.
- Allows students to connect to a national network of CRS champions during college and beyond.
- Develops leadership skills and experiences that can apply to a future career.
- Puts student faith into action, making a difference on campus and around the world.

Qualifications:

1. Must be a full-time UI college student enrolled for 2021-2022 school year in good academic standing at the junior level or above.
2. Preference given to practicing Catholic engaged in the sacramental life of the Church, growing in personal prayer life, and striving to learn and live by the teachings of the Catholic Church.
3. Possess knowledge and commitment to Catholic Social Teaching with an interest in growing that understanding.
4. Prior participation, preferably in a leadership role, in the areas of service or social justice.
5. Must be self-motivated; responsible; possess good communication skills, both verbal and written; ability to plan and delegate as a team leader; follow and give direction; complete tasks well and on time.
6. Be able to commit a minimum of five to ten hours per week to their role during the academic year and take time to prepare for upcoming semester during academic breaks. Term starts July 1 and runs through the end of spring semester 2022.

Position Responsibilities:

1. Participate in either a CRS Fall Launch and Training Opportunity or utilize the online Training Resources, ongoing skill-building opportunities throughout the year, and national events like the SALT Summit to develop leadership skills and put them into action.
2. Recruit Chapter Leaders and Members; support and guide them to develop leadership skills and take impactful action.
3. Plan monthly Chapter meeting agendas and report on activities, successes, and challenges.
4. Participate in CRS monthly national conference calls of CRS University leaders.
5. Coordinate and promote CRS programs, events, and activities on the University of Iowa campus.
6. Work closely with the Service and Social Justice Fellow to collaboratively enhance programs and ministries to impact local, regional, and international needs.
7. Participate in the Diocese of Davenport CRS Chapter and work with the Deacon assigned to support CRS in the Office of Social Action in the Diocese of Davenport.
8. Coordinate at least one giving opportunity and one learning opportunity per semester.

9. Develop and manage relationships with congressional offices representing Iowa and our district.
10. Record data for all activities throughout the year including trainings attended, meetings held, event plans, contacts, and helpful notes in the shared Google Documents. Prepare a transition document for the next CRS student leader.
11. Meet biweekly with the Director of Outreach and Education to discuss, plan, and evaluate the activities of the University of Iowa CRS Chapter.

General Newman Leadership Responsibilities:

12. Upper Room: Invited to attend Upper Rooms once per month (typically Friday nights) in order to grow and maintain unity as a team on mission with the FOCUS missionaries and other student disciples.
13. Liturgy: Participating in the weekend Mass is at the heart of our Catholic faith. It is the biggest activity that happens at Newman every week and impacts the most people. Invited to attend weekend Mass at the Newman Center.
14. Faith Formation: Be engaged in at least one ongoing opportunity for personal faith formation during the year they serve as a CRS Ambassador such as attending a Bible Study regularly.
15. Diocesan Requirements: Required to comply with all pertinent protocol for those serving in ministry in the Diocese of Davenport.

Evaluation: Complete a written evaluation and have a review meeting with the Priest Director and Director of Outreach and Education at the end of the fall semester. Another evaluation will take place at the end of spring semester.

Compensation: Due to the generous donation of an anonymous donor, this position will be initiated in the 2021-2022 academic year and will be funded annually by the donor. This funding will include an annual stipend of \$2,500 and up to \$1,500 in funds to attend an annual national conference.

More Information:

<https://www.crs.org/>

<https://university.crs.org/>

<https://davenportdiocese.org/social-action>

Application:

Please electronically submit your application as a PDF document to christine@newman-ic.org by **Friday, May 28, 2021**. Interviews will take place in the month of June.

At the top of your application please include:

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Year in school for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Major, GPA

Expected Graduation Month and Year

Answer the following questions:

1. What is your faith story? How does your faith influence your vision for this position, the way you hope to inspire your peers, and engage in the mission of CRS?
2. Describe your participation and experiences in the areas of service and social justice.
3. How do you incorporate Catholic Social Teaching, Service, and Social Justice in your life?
4. Why are you interested in this position? How would you like to grow personally and spiritually in this role?
5. List your course load, jobs or internships, and extracurricular activities, including leadership positions, that you have for the summer and next academic year. How will you manage your time so that you can serve a minimum of 5-10 hours per week to fulfill the responsibilities of this role?
6. How did you learn about this opportunity?