

eGuide Members (HS)

Vision

The eStreet Youth Student Leadership Team, which we call “eGuides,” is a small group of high school students who have experienced the love of God and long for others in our church and city to be changed by that love as well. Our group’s governing metaphor is that we are like warm coals that gather regularly to increase the heat, so that when we scatter throughout the community the impact for the kingdom might be greater.

As such, our team has two primary goals:

- 1) We seek to increase the heat or passion that we have for God in our own lives by taking spiritual growth seriously.
- 2) We seek to spread that heat or love for God to those around us by taking the spiritual needs of our peers seriously.

Therefore, eGuides is NOT:

- 1) Another clique. We want to bless our group not injure it and our hope is that God will raise up lots of students to join us on this mission. But we also know that staying focused on our vision will likely require us to make some difficult decisions along the way.
- 2) A resume builder. We are not another club to add to the list or something you should do just because your parents want you to.
- 3) Simply for the most outgoing, “leader” types. Rather, we are those passionate about loving God more and helping others do the same.

Requirements

In order to achieve our two goals, we have established the following opportunities and requirements, which are expected of all team members:

In order to increase the heat:

- 1) eGuides live according to an established code of conduct and are held accountable to it by the group.
- 2) eGuides attend monthly group meetings where we pray, worship, & discern what God is up to in our lives and community.
- 3) eGuides attend annual overnight retreats for extended times of worship & reflection.

In order to spread the love:

- 1) eGuides attend and support all eStreet Youth core programs – Sunday School, Youth Group, Love Wins, & Mentor Groups.
- 2) eGuides intentionally mentor one or two willing middle school students throughout the year.
- 3) eGuides use their unique gifts to serve the church in at least one specific role (worship, games, curriculum, organization, children...).

Discernment Process

Due to the focus of this group and its requirements, we do not believe that it is a good fit for everyone. Many students likely wouldn't enjoy the extended times of prayer and worship or be interested in being held accountable to the established code of conduct. Other students may find it difficult to fulfill the time requirements. Some may need additional time to grow spiritually before the group feels they're ready to mentor middle school students or lead our group spiritually. Therefore, involvement in eGuides is an ongoing process of discernment. Current members may decide over time that they need to step down for any number of reasons or the group may even suggest this to them. In regards to new candidates, a more structured process exists:

- 1) A student expresses interest to an eGuide member or youth leader about joining the group OR the team expresses interest in a potential candidate.
- 2) The candidate then completes the initial questionnaire and emails a copy to the youth directors.
- 3) The team reviews the completed questionnaire at the next scheduled meeting and invites the candidate to join the group for a time of sharing and prayer.
- 4) Afterwards, a unanimous decision is made and the candidate is informed within a week.

Initial Questionnaire:

There is no expected length - a couple sentences or a couple paragraphs is fine. Simply answer the following prompts as honestly as possible:

- 1) Why do you want to be a member of the eGuide team?
- 2) Are there any requirements that might be difficult for you to fulfill, explain?
- 3) Tell us a little bit about your faith journey. Please include a recent and significant spiritual experience that you've had.
- 4) When you think about the past couple of months/years, how have you grown spiritually? What are some areas that you feel like you need to work on?