

The Orchard

Christian Mentoring Program



PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

The Orchard is a mentoring program that supports Christian young adults in developing ministry projects of their own design. The program is for emerging leaders who want to explore a ministry calling or hone their skills in a ministry to which they have already been called. The Orchard is action-oriented, and participants learn: the nature of ministry; how to prepare oneself for ministry; and how to effectively follow Christ in leading a ministry. All participants in The Orchard must complete this application. Please submit completed applications via email to dishon.mills@gci.org. Please direct all questions to Dishon Mills, who can be reached at the aforementioned email address or by calling 617-653-7565.

BASIC INFORMATION

Name (First, Last):

Date of Birth:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Church (and denomination, if applicable) you currently attend:

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1) What interests you about this program? As you answer, please give us a window of insight into your relationship with God, and also a ministry experience that you feel characterizes an area of passion and growth for you.

2) Do you already have a ministry idea to try with The Orchard? If so, what is it?

REFERENCES

Please provide us with two references: one from a pastor or spiritual mentor, and one general reference. Please use the form at the end of this application to collect the references.

TIMELINE

- Applications accepted through November 30, 2017
- Participants identified by December 15, 2017
- Program starts with full day intensive on Saturday, January 27, 2018
- Coaching meetings with your coach every other week: 1-2 hrs each
- Cohort meetings with the cohort once a month: 2-3 hrs each
- Concluding reflection time and celebration: June 2018

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REFERENCE FORM

Thank you for being a reference for an emerging ministry leader. S/he is applying for an experience of mentored ministry with The Orchard. The Orchard is a cohort-based, project-based mentored ministry experience. The Orchard's coaches will provide instruction and guidance for a ministry project designed and proposed by the Applicant. We are looking for people who love Jesus, and are ministry-minded self-starters. Your perspective on the Applicant will be very important for us to evaluate his/her candidacy. For more information about The Orchard, please see our website: www.aboutgrace.org/mentoring.

Please complete this reference form and return it to the Applicant so it can be included with her/his application.

YOUR INFORMATION

Name (First, Last):

Address:

Email:

Phone:

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1) Applicant's Name:

2) How do you know the Applicant?

3) What are the top three adjectives you would use to describe this person's strengths? Why?

4) What are the top three adjectives you would use to describe this person's weaknesses/areas of growth? Why?

5) Please briefly tell us about the Applicant's spiritual maturity and relationship with Jesus.

6) Please briefly give us an indication of the Applicant's sense of initiative-taking, risk-taking, and leadership.

Thank you for completing this reference form.