



**Columbia Basin College**  
**Student Ambassador Application**  
2017-2018 Academic Year

Instructions: Please complete this application and submit to Hawk Central (H Building at CBC). For questions contact Melanie Casciato 509-542-4593 or email [mcasciato@columbiabasin.edu](mailto:mcasciato@columbiabasin.edu). **Applications are due by May 31, 2017.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA (2.5 minimum to apply): \_\_\_\_\_ Have you attended CBC? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

1. How did you learn about CBC's Student Ambassador Program?
2. Why did you choose to attend Columbia Basin College? What do you like most about CBC?
3. Please describe your public speaking abilities and experience.
4. What are your educational and career goals?
5. What leadership positions have you held (if any)?
6. Please attach your work schedule (if applicable), resume, two letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. **Only complete applications will be reviewed.**

## What is a Student Ambassador?

A Student Ambassador is a student leader who serves as liaison, spokesperson, and advocate for Columbia Basin College. Ambassadors must have strong interpersonal skills, a positive attitude, and commitment to integrity. CBC Ambassadors are highly motivated and energetic. These students possess effective decision making skills, the ability to motivate others, and a willingness to work as a team.

Being involved in the Student Ambassador program is a great way to meet new people, develop new skills, and play a leadership role on campus! Ambassadors uphold all standards and expectations that are associated with our mission at Columbia Basin College. They have a strong work ethic, natural leadership abilities, are committed to fulfilling their academic obligations, and are role models to all prospective students.

Since the program began during the 2000-2001 school year, Ambassadors have played a vital role in attracting new students to Columbia Basin College. The Student Ambassador program allows students the opportunity to participate in various public relations, recruiting, and leadership activities at Columbia Basin College, including:

- Assist during new student orientation processes and First Year Introduction event (FYI),
- Provide campus tours,
- Assist with special events such as Senior Night, College Goal (financial aid night), and commencement,
- Assist with student conduct proceedings on campus including training in conduct expectations and conduct hearings,
- Involvement in community early outreach efforts at elementary and middle school locations sharing the benefits of higher education,
- Community service opportunities through partnerships established with area non-profit organizations.

## Why should I be a Student Ambassador?

- Expand your communication and leadership skills.
- Opportunities to meet and serve a wide variety of people.
- Work as a team with your peers for a common goal.
- Opportunities to share your CBC knowledge and experience with high school students and members of the community.
- Encourage higher education and life-long learning in our community.
- Build your resume.
- Receive a tuition waiver.

## How much time does serving as a Student Ambassador take?

Assignments, on-campus events, and recruitment will involve weekdays, evenings, and limited weekends typically not exceeding 10 hours per week. This is a one-year commitment – please note on your application if you are planning to leave or graduate from CBC before the end of the academic year. Ambassadors must attend a weekly meeting and have Fridays open for various events, tours, classroom presentations, school visits, or assigned department responsibilities/obligations. This opportunity is available for all full time (12 – 18 credits) students attending Columbia Basin College. Your education is your first responsibility – all assignments and obligations as an Ambassador will work around your class schedule. Ambassadors are required to uphold high academic standards as an example of a model CBC student, so be prepared to put in time to study to maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher per quarter. *(Probation periods will be handled on an individual basis in collaboration with the Director of Outreach and Financial Aid policies & procedures.)*

Student Ambassadors meet weekly and are expected to volunteer at applicable CBC Outreach events during the course of an academic year with an average of 10 hours per week. Ambassadors will be allowed one unexcused absence from an event before being dismissed from the program.

## How do I become a Student Ambassador?

For an application, please contact your high school counselor or the Outreach department. To be considered for the Student Ambassador program, a student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Once selected for the program, students must maintain a quarterly GPA of at least 2.5 while enrolled in no more than 15 credits, and must complete a minimum of 12 credits per quarter. Ambassador applicants must complete a FAFSA or WASFA financial aid application. *Applicants will be expected to complete a summer workshop and interview process to determine selection of Ambassadors for the program.* Once selected, CBC Student Ambassadors will receive a non-need based waiver for up to 15 credits based on lower division state tuition and fees.

2017-2018 academic year application are due by **May 31, 2017** and may be submitted to Hawk Central in the H Building at CBC. Applicants will be provided 2 dates for a summer workshop to attend as part of the interview process for the program. Once selected, Ambassadors will participate in their first Ambassador activities during the Benton-Franklin Fair week.