



MICA Alternative Spring Break(ASB) Habitat for Humanity 2009-2010 Application

Dear ASB Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in MICA's Alternative Spring Break Program! MICA's Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program is a weeklong, community service trip. The goal of ASB is to make an immediate difference in the lives of others by engaging in active service and educating students about the social issues facing underrepresented communities. ASB promotes a strong connection between students and the community in order to gain new perspectives on the root causes of these issues. The ASB program strives to empower students with the knowledge to become active citizens and advocates of change in their own communities.

This will be the first year that MICA is offering an Alternative Spring Break Program, and we will be working with Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge! Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, nondenominational Christian housing ministry, that is able to make housing affordable to low-income families. For over two decades, Collegiate Challenge has been making a difference in communities all over the United States, by helping students build new homes to eliminate poverty and substandard housing. We are so grateful to have the opportunity to work with them during our spring break, from March 13-21, 2010.

Take time filling out and completing the application as thoroughly as possible, and if you need more room to complete any of your answers please attach additional pages to the back of your application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. When you return your completed application to the Student Activities Office, sign up for an interview time for the following week. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any part of the application, ASB Program, or etc. please contact Karol Martinez at the Student Activities Office in Meyerhoff, Caitlin Deane at cdeane@mica.edu, and Kathleen Marcotte at kmarcotte@mica.edu. There will be two optional information meetings regarding MICA's Alternative Spring Break Program:

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 from 3-4pm in Bunting 110.

Friday, October 30, 2009 from 3:30-4:30pm in Bunting 110.

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Name _____	
Local Address _____	

Permanent Address _____	
Email _____	
Cell Phone _____	
DOB _____	Student Year _____
Major _____	Minor/Concentration _____

How did you hear about ASB?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Class	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Activities Online Survey
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend or Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Involvement Fair
<input type="checkbox"/> Flyers/Posters	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	

Please list previous community service experience:

Please describe activities and organizations you are involved in, (in or outside of MICA): _____

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ASB Member Expectations

- Complete and hand in application with attached requirements to the Student Activities Office by **Friday, November 6, 2009 by 5PM.**
- Attend an interview with ASB Site Leaders, (Caitlin Deane or Kathleen Marcotte) and Karol Martinez.
- Attend ASB Meet and Greet during the week of November 30th.
- Participate in ASB Meetings in the Spring Semester.
- Participate in ASB fundraising activities.
- Submit your non-refundable deposit of \$50 by Friday, December 4, 2009.
- All members should fulfill 80% of their financial obligations (\$250) by Friday, January 29, 2010.
- All members should fulfill 100% of their financial obligations (\$350), through fundraising or personal money, by Friday, February 26, 2010.
- If you are considering being a part of Christopher Shipley's theater production in the Spring Semester, you will not be able to attend ASB, due to conflicting schedules.

Alcohol/Drug Free Policy

The ASB Program promotes an alcohol/drug free environment as well as philosophy. This prohibits alcohol consumption, illegal, and irresponsible drug use by anyone, **regardless of age**, participating in the Alternative Spring Break, March 13-21, 2010. Any member who does not adhere to this policy will be asked to leave the program, and return to his or her place of residence at their own expense. Support of this policy by all involved is essential for a safe and socially aware spring break.

Short Application Essays:

Please answer all parts of the following two questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach your answers to your application.

1. Why are you interested in participating in MICA's Alternative Spring Break Program? Explain any personal or work experience that has influenced your

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decision to apply for ASB.

2. What social/global/environmental issues are you most passionate about? How do you think the Alternative Spring Break Program will impact your ideas about your home town and/or the Baltimore community?

I have been informed of and understand my responsibilities, expectations and the policies of MICA's Alternative Spring Break Program, and so acknowledge by signing this document in the place indicated below,

Printed Full Name

Signature of Student

Date