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**EASTMINSTER
MIDDLE SCHOOL
LEADER
APPLICATION
2019**

MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR APPLICATION

May 25, 2019 - May 21, 2020

Application Deadline: May 19

General Information

Name: _____ Grade Entering (2019-2020) ___10 ___11 ___12

Address: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____

Have you been a Middle School Counselor before? ___ Yes ___ No

Expectations

- Can articulate your salvation experience and spiritual journey.
- Exemplifies a lifestyle of a growing disciple of Christ.
- Faithful member of the High School Ministry.
- Faithful attendance (at least 3/4 of the time) of Middle School events and programs:
 - Seasonal Retreats (leader charge: \$75/summer retreat, \$25/fall and winter retreat)
 - Monthly Leader Meetings (usually following youth group from 8 - 9:30 p.m.)
 - Youth Group (Wednesdays at 6 p.m.)
- Demonstrates a servant's heart in attitude and action.
- Exercises a teachable spirit concerning ministry and leadership.

Do you feel like you can meet these expectations? ___ Yes ___ No

If no, please explain: _____

Training and Orientation (Eastminster; May 31- June 1)

Being a Middle School Counselor requires training. There will be Middle School Leader Training starting at 5 p.m. on May 31 and ending at 12 p.m. on June 1. Attendance is considered **mandatory** for all leaders, and exceptions will only be given to those who have contacted Mike personally. Cost is \$20 which covers dinner, breakfast, and a leader t-shirt.

**Incoming sophomore leaders must attend this training OR participate in the LDP program at Westminster Woods to be a leader on the MS summer retreat.*

___ I can attend the orientation

___ I cannot attend the orientation and will contact Mike

TEAMS

One of the things we believe is that God gives people gifts for service. These gifts help us serve the church in the most effective way possible. This is what Paul means when he compares the church to a body in 2 Corinthians 12:18-20, “But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.” To be the most effective, we all need to do our part.

Our desire, then, is for students to serve in an area that uses their gifts. This year we will be continuing what we began last year, splitting the middle school leaders into 2 teams: Small Group Leaders and Serve Team Leaders.

Small Group Leaders will primarily be leading small groups for the middle school students. They will be teaching, mentoring, and guiding students through God’s word. They will stay in a cabin with the students on retreats and focus their efforts on building relationships with them. Even though they are focused on small groups, they will still be expected to assist the ministry with things like set-up and tear-down. Most high school students will serve as small group leaders. *To be a small group leader, the students must be a member of Eastminster or make up the training by doing a new member’s class or something similar. Contact Mike if you have any questions.

Serve Team Leaders are those who prefer to serve the ministry in other ways besides small groups. Types of things that the Serve Team will do are help with sound/tech/video, photography, announcements, take attendance, set-up games and events, work behind the scenes, etc. The specific areas of ministry will be tailored to the skills and interests of those on the team. They will stay in their own cabin on retreats. This group will be smaller in number, but equally important.

There is no hierarchy to the teams—both will attend the same meetings, be expected to help at the same events, and will be held to the same standard of conduct. The only difference lies in type of ministry they participate in. Mike will be assigning teams based on the answers given in the application.

***Note:** Depending on the number of applicants, there is the possibility that leaders are assigned a different team than they have requested. This is especially true for sophomore leaders, as there may not be enough spots.*

What team would you prefer to be a part of?

- I would prefer to be a small group leader.
- I would prefer to be a serve team leader.
- I am flexible and willing to be on either team.

Are you interested in being a part of the praise band? If so, what instrument do you play?

Questions

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper (you can write on the lined sheet at the end of this packet or type your responses):

First time applicants:

1. Describe your salvation experience and spiritual journey.
2. In your own words, what is the Gospel?
3. Why do you want to be a Middle School Counselor?
4. What schedule conflicts do you foresee with your responsibilities as a Counselor over the next year? (seasonal sports, plays, musicals, etc...)
5. What areas are you skilled or gifted in? What ways do you think you could bless the ministry?
6. What team would you prefer to serve on and why? (Serve Team or Small Group Leader)

If you have been a counselor before:

1. How has your relationship with God grown over the past year?
2. What have you learned about being a leader over the past year?
3. How would you describe your commitment level to being a middle school leader last year on a scale of 1-10? Explain. (1 being "I barely showed up" and 10 being "I poured my heart and soul into every second of it") Do you sense that number growing, staying the same, or decreasing?
4. What schedule conflicts do you foresee with your responsibilities as a leader over the next year? (seasonal sports, plays, musicals, etc...)
5. What areas are you skilled or gifted in? What ways do you think you could bless the ministry?
6. What team would you prefer to serve on and why? (Serve Team or Small Group Leader)

Incentives

We believe Middle School counselors sacrificially devote their time and themselves to Middle School students, and therefore believe they should be rewarded. We understand that volunteer hours in the community help receive college scholarships as well as membership of groups such as National Honor Society. We are more than willing to sign off and give references for these types of groups. Leaders will also receive several meals, gifts and special events as a thank you for their ministry. Above all, being a Middle School counselor is a sacrificial act of joining God's action in the lives of middle schoolers.

Parental Permission

I, _____, have reviewed the expectations and read my child's answers to the above questions and feel very strongly that he/she is ready for such responsibilities. Additionally, I expect and support Mike to meet with my child when he feels the expectations listed above are not being met.

Parents: Please note that if your student attends any Middle School Retreats they must fill out a registration form and any other additional medical forms and return them to the Student Ministries Office by the due date on the registration form.

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Agreement

I, _____, have reviewed the expectations and had my parent review my answers to the above questions and feel strongly that I am ready for such responsibilities. Additionally, I expect and support Mike to meet with me when he feels the expectations listed above are not being met.

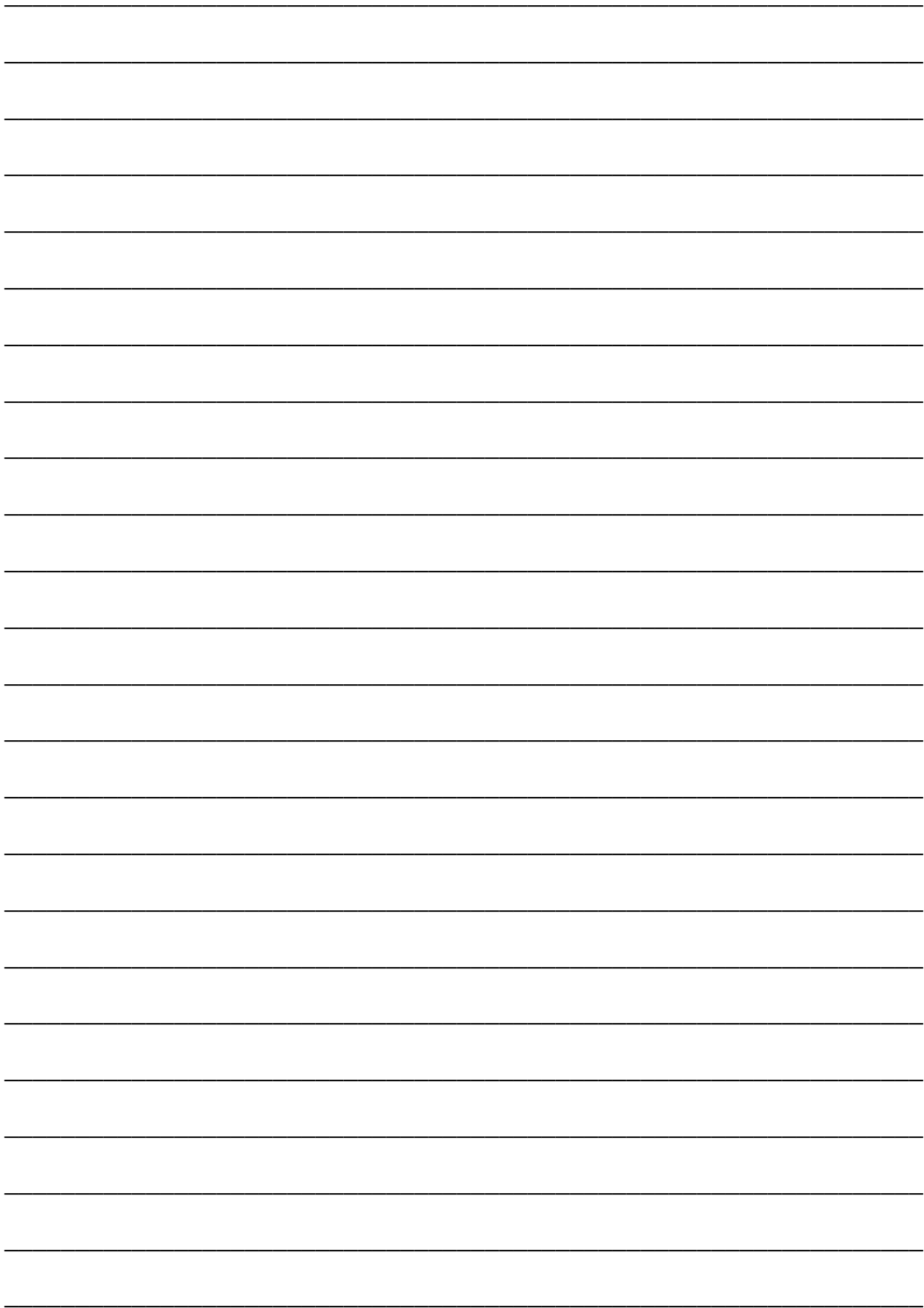
Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

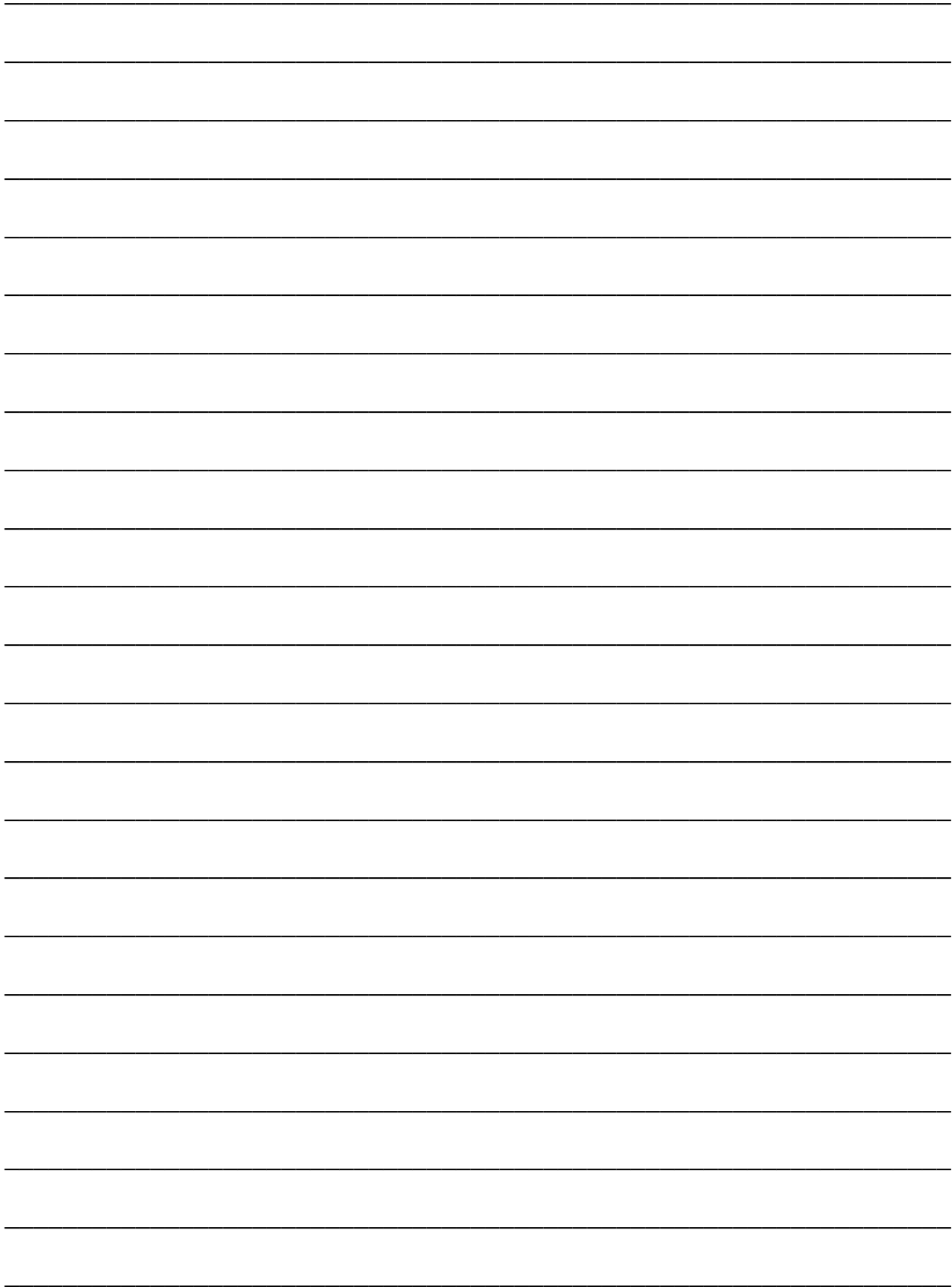
What to expect after turning in your application

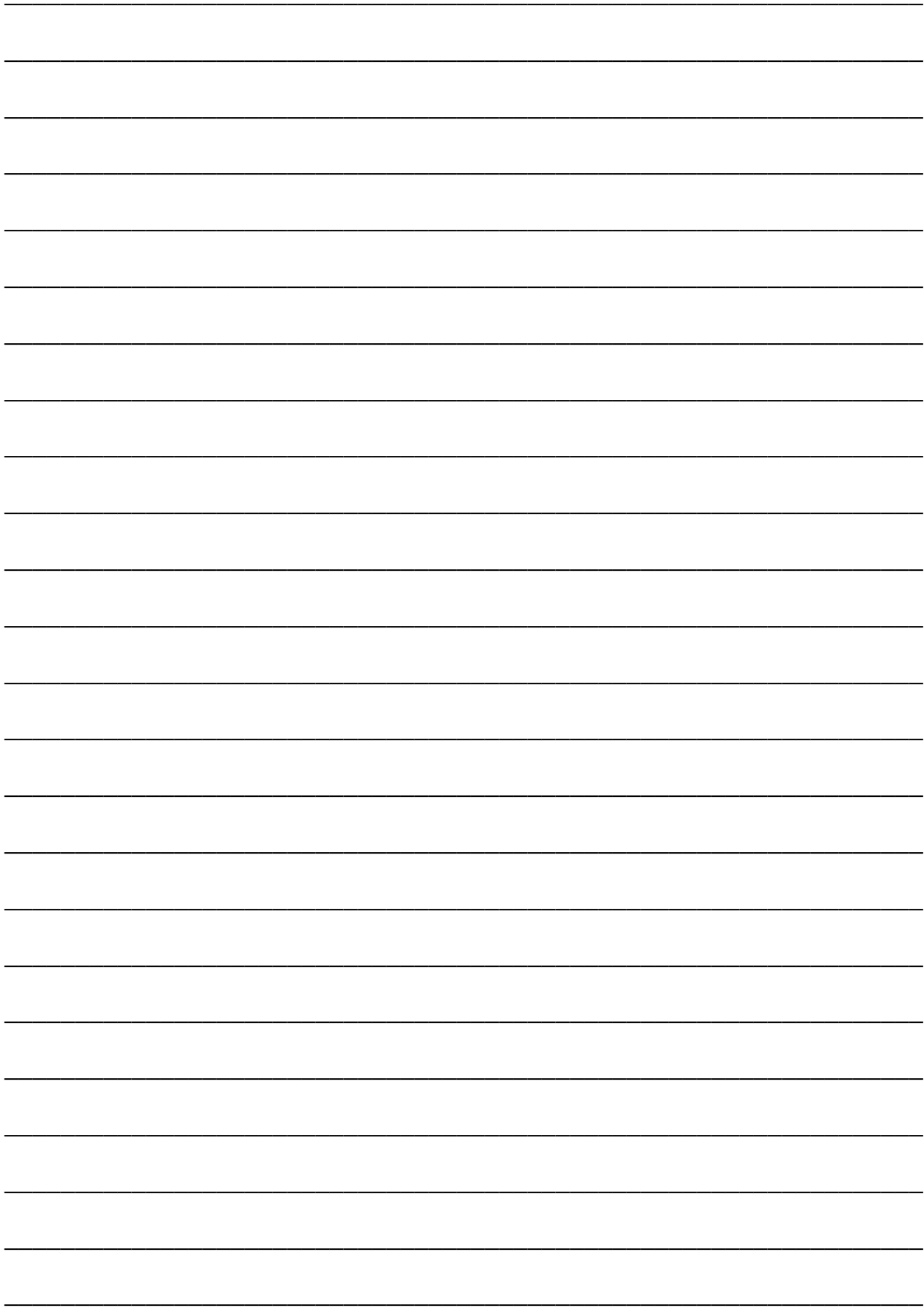
Once you have turned in your application, you will be notified that it has been received. Mike will then spend time reviewing your application and questions. He may contact you to ask further questions about your application. After that, you will be added to a GroupMe and be given further instructions. Unless you hear directly from Mike, you can assume you will be joining the team!

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