



## 2015 - 2016 Student Organization Leadership Application

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

\* Candidate Name: (First and Last Name)

Olanrewaju Dawodu

\* Please select the organization for which you are applying for a position:

American Medical Association - Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS) ▾

\* Desired Position

AMA delegate

\* Please select the current program in which you are enrolled:

School of Medicine - MD ▾

\* Please select your current classification:

Year 1 ▾

**Comments:**

### LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

\* Do you have past experience within the  Yes  No organization you are applying?

If yes, please provide details below - position(s), committee(s) and term(s): (600 characters or less)

\* Briefly describe your leadership attributes and past community involvement that would make you the best fit for the desired position. (600 characters or less)

During my undergraduate years, I was fortunate to engage in various activities that built on my leadership attributes. Teamwork, flexibility, good communication skills and the ability to create new ideas are just a few of the leadership skills I have developed. These skills were enhanced during my undergraduate years while I was the VP of Programming for Alpha Epsilon Phi. As VP, it was my duty to ensure that all the various chairs were setting and meeting their goals in order to ensure the success of the organization. During my time as VP, I came up with the idea to plan a silent auction for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation. This is an organization aimed at funding research towards pediatric aids. Planning this event was no easy task. We had to find a venue, sell tickets and most importantly, convince local businesses to donate items we could auction off. With the help of all the sorority members, we were able to fundraise

over \$11,000 in one night that went towards this cause. This experience taught me patience and perseverance. I have always been passionate about improving my community. I frequently volunteered at a free clinic aimed at providing access to health care for Detroit residents lacking insurance. It was there that I noticed that most of the patients lacked access to healthy meals. This inspired me to be a co-founder for Light a Smile Foundation: a non-profit organization that provides meals to homeless persons in the Detroit area. Every Wednesday at noon, we would pack 100 sandwiches, vegetables and water and drive around Detroit passing the food to those in need. I noticed that a good number of the patients I saw at the free clinic were also among the homeless people that we shared food to. I became friendly with a lot of these patients and used this as a gateway to emphasize the importance of eating healthy. I went on to volunteer with The Way of Salvation Ministries in Lagos, Nigeria during my winter break. This organization provides spiritual, emotional and financial care to widows and orphans. On the 24th of December 2013, we hosted a public health awareness program. I worked with physicians and nurses to educate the participants on hygiene and easy practices that can be implemented to reduce risks of diseases. We also went ahead and gave free blood pressure checks, diabetes testing and polio vaccines. At the end of the program, we passed out free food and gave the mothers presents to give to their children for Christmas. This was one of the most memorable days of my life. It was during this time that I sharpened my communication skills and flexibility. I learned how to communicate with a diverse group of people, to lead and to learn. I continue to find these tools useful in medical school and I know they will be useful in my career.

\* Would you be willing to serve in areas other than the one in which you are applying?  Yes  No

\* Please describe the top 3 strengths/qualities that would make you the best candidate for the position you are applying for.

My top three strengths involve being a good team player, having great communication skills and being creative with new ideas. Being a good team player means being genuinely interested in what my peers are doing and the overall performance of the entire organization. I am able to not only convey my thoughts, opinions, suggestions, questions and answers but also allow and encourage my peers to do the same.

\* Briefly outline a plan or idea that you would like to implement in the leadership role you are applying for if given the opportunity.

As a delegate, I plan on setting up a suggestion box that allows students to comment on issues that they want addressed on a national level with regards to policies affecting the American Health Care System. I will continuously inform the members of the topics that AMA has under discussion and include ways that we as Meharrians can get involved on the actions taken by the House of Delegates. With other delegates I plan on creating a combined social media page, which will be a great opportunity to collaborate with other students in our region, share ideas and work together to make a difference in health policy making.

\* Please upload a copy of your current CV.

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