

Role Description — Student Leader

A student leader is a middle school or high school student who serves as an Awana® leader. An Awana club that enlists the service of student leaders is not only meeting staffing needs, but developing, through discipleship, tomorrow's church leaders. The biblical example for this can be found in Titus 2:7a: *In everything set them an example by doing what is good (NIV)*. The operative words here are *set them an example*. Young men and women best learn and assimilate servant leadership by having it consistently modeled for them.

Role and Responsibilities

The principle role of a student leader is really defined by the church. In some clubs, student leaders assist adult leaders in all aspects of club, learning and developing evangelistic and church life skills. In other clubs, student leaders lead their own handbook groups. Provide the Leader Role Description to student leaders. Review it with them, elaborating on their specific responsibilities. A wonderful place for a student leader to begin serving is in Cubbies® or Sparks®.

Expectations of an LIT

- A student leader must understand and complete Basic Training.
- A student leader must be an example to the children both in attitude and action.
- A student leader must be ready to encourage the children he or she serves.
- A student leader must be very careful in how they respond to the children, avoid physical horseplay, never speak or act out in anger and never violate a child's privacy.

- A student leader must be faithful to attend all planning sessions and club nights.
- Student leaders, as other leaders, should never be left alone with children.

Qualifications

A student leader needs to be qualified in the following ways:

- Trust in Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior.
- Be growing in his or her relationship with Christ.
- Be in compliance with the requirements of leadership in his or her church.
- Demonstrate an attitude that is attractive to kids.
- Be working through Trek® or Journey™ materials.
- Participating in church.

Check out the new (free!) e-book *Awana Student Leaders — Who They Are. What They Do. How They Can Energize Your Ministry* at awanaym.org. It provides additional information, requirements and includes a sample contract detailing what is expected of the teens.

Time Commitment

Three to four hours per week