



2018 Board of Ambassadors Application

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

--Margaret Mead

The Silver Lining Mentoring Board of Ambassadors is a group of socially conscious young professionals who are passionate about the pressing need for mentoring and life-skills for youth in foster care. The group is dedicated to helping Silver Lining bring its mission and message to the greater Boston community. Silver Lining envisions a group of enthusiastic participants who can share professional skills, connect with new people, build resources and broaden Silver Lining's scope of influence.

The Board of Ambassadors are key members of the Silver Lining Mentoring community and work collaboratively with the External Relations Manager and members of the development and program teams to implement organizational and committee goals. The Board of Ambassadors represent Silver Lining Mentoring and raise awareness about SLM's model and the experiences of youth in foster care.

Length of Term:

2 years with the opportunity to renew commitment dependent on availability and ability to meet expectations.

Benefits:

- Make a big impact in an innovative, growing non-profit organization
- Network with like-minded, socially conscious professionals
- Collaborate with Staff & Board to help solve a challenging social issue
- Develop your professional and leadership skills through non-profit experience for future

Board of Director Roles

- Gain deeper knowledge and understanding of the challenges youth face in out of home care

Expectations:

Develop a deep understanding of SLM and its work

- Volunteer at a Silver Lining Information Session
- Complete Mentor Training

Be an active member of the Board

- Attend bi-monthly Board of Ambassadors meetings, missing no more than two meetings
- Participate in bi-monthly committee meetings during Board meeting off-months (by phone or in person)
- Attend at least two Board of Ambassadors events per year
- Serve on one of the Board committees (descriptions below)

Support SLM's success

- Invest in Silver Lining by making a meaningful donation
- Build and engage a network of young professionals in the Boston area to serve as advocates for youth impacted by foster care
- Introduce personal and professional networks to the Silver Lining Mentoring community

Committee Descriptions:

Volunteer Recruitment Committee

- Work with Outreach Coordinator to set up and facilitate information sessions at your work place, or with other communities, e.g.: community centers, affinity groups, churches, etc.
- Work to recruit volunteers based on targeted recruitment needs as identified by Outreach Coordinator
- Represent Silver Lining Mentoring at community events and volunteer fairs
- Review and screen Board of Ambassador candidates, and submit potential members to Board for approval

Events and Communication Committee

- Support staff in the planning and execution of events, including but not limited to: Ambassador-hosted events, Match Gala, mentor appreciation events, and donor cultivation events
- Support SLM's engagement with the Boston Marathon and the Rodman Ride for Kids
- Help with organizational marketing, branding and communication plans and initiatives as requested
- Engage with SLM on social media including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn

Gratitude Committee

- Strategize ways of thanking existing mentors, social workers and other stakeholders in the organization
- Work with the Events committee to plan a Marathon fundraising event; plan gifts for Marathon runners
- Support Learn & Earn Graduations by coordinating Graduation Prep volunteers

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Please submit to Ashley Goncalves at ashley@silverliningmentoring.org by Tuesday September 26, 2017.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____ Title: _____ Birthday: _____

How did you find out about Silver Lining Mentoring?

Why do you want to serve on the 2018 Board of Ambassadors?

What skills will you bring to the Board of Ambassadors?

What ideas do you have for supporting Silver Lining Mentoring's mission to empower youth impacted by foster care? –i.e awareness events, advocacy, skilled base volunteering, recruitment, fundraising events, networking, consulting, etc.? Please share your ideas here:

Which of the following philanthropic initiatives does your employer have, if any? (Check all that apply)

- Employee matching gifts program
- Corporate Day of Service
- Other opportunities for supporting nonprofits. Please describe those, here:

Please rate your interest in the following committee, with 3 being *most interested* and 1 being *least interest*.

___ Volunteer Recruitment Committee

- ▶ Recruit & cultivate potential volunteers—mentors, Board of Ambassadors, etc.

___ Events and Communication Committee

- ▶ Plan and organize Ambassadors events and implement organizational marketing, branding and communication plans

___ Gratitude Committee

- ▶ Support and thank Silver Lining Mentoring’s Team around events and other special occasions

As a Silver Lining Mentoring Ambassador, I recognize that I am representing Silver Lining Mentoring and must act in the best interest of the organization and its mission. I will make a commitment to do the following:

- 1) Serve as an ADVOCATE for Silver Lining Mentoring by using my own skills and talents to introduce young professionals, businesses and other community leaders to Silver Lining Mentoring’s mission and programs to support youth in foster care.
- 2) Maintain attendance in Ambassadors meetings in 2018 to LEARN about Silver Lining Mentoring’s mission and commitment to serve more youth in care.
- 3) SUPPORT Silver Lining Mentoring’s mission by making a meaningful personal financial commitment of \$_____ to Silver Lining Mentoring by September 30, 2018. A suggested donation of \$300.00 is recommended.

Signed: _____ Date: _____