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NEW TriBE "CADET" MEMBER APPLICATION

*Entering 9th, 10th, and 11th graders in Hillsborough County are eligible to apply. Entering 12th graders must have already completed a year in TriBE and need to contact the Program Coordinator. **Completed application due July 15th.***

What is The Ophelia Project and Boys Initiative (OPBI) -Tampa Bay?

OPBI -Tampa Bay is dedicated to inspiring an emotionally, physically and socially safe culture for youth by promoting gender-specific best practices in youth programs, community education and professional training, and through the coordination of community resources.

Who are the "Teen Boys Becoming Better Examples TriBE"?

A group of motivated young men, from high schools across Hillsborough County, that serve as leaders and mentors advocating for boys in our community. Past activities have included "Game Days" at Grand Prix and Pin Chasers Bowling Alley with younger boys who benefit from interaction with positive males.

What do I get out of this?

Besides a terrific opportunity to perform community service and mentor younger boys in the community, TriBE members participate in workshops designed to make them outstanding leaders and advocates. Other benefits involved are: fulfillment of various scholarship requirements; enhanced leadership skills; preparation for college and future career goals; networking and social opportunities.

What would I do if I were selected to be in TriBE?

Your voice will be the one that guides us in understanding boys in Tampa, a crucial goal of OPBI. You will help plan and host community events for boys and male advocacy purposes. You will participate in monthly volunteer projects, throughout our community, as a mentor for younger boys. After you have completed two years, there are opportunities to step up into bigger leadership roles within the TriBE Program as an officer in the Leaders Circle.

What skills should I have to apply?

A commitment to becoming a leader and advocate for boys. The desire to learn how to make a difference as an advocate is essential—we will help you develop outstanding leadership and communication skills!

Commitment:

TriBE season (August 2009 – May 2010)

Monthly meetings on a Sunday from 3pm to 5pm—**MANDATORY**

(You can only miss 2 meetings in order to qualify for program completion)

Attend at least four (4) TriBE projects/events each semester.

TriBE Retreats—**MANDATORY**

A one time registration fee of \$100 (not paid until accepted; scholarships available)

TriBE Member Application

Please complete all of the following information.
 This part of the application can be handwritten or typed. **PRINT CLEARLY.**

Name _____

Email: _____

(You must provide an email. Please use an email that is composed of your name, no nicknames, as we are striving to have a professional appearance.)

High School: _____ Grade: ____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____
 Street address City Zip

Phone(s): _____
 Home Cell

Race/ethnicity (OPTIONAL): _____

Parent(s)/Caregiver Information:

 Parent/Caregiver Name Phone Email (mandatory)

 Emergency Contact Name Phone Email (optional)

What adults (over 18) live with you (check all that apply):

_____ Mother	_____ Some high school	_____ Some high school
_____ Father	_____ Completed high school	_____ Completed high school
_____ Foster Parent	_____ Some College	_____ Some College
_____ Grandparent	_____ Completed 4 year degree	_____ Completed 4 year degree
_____ Other:	_____ Graduate or Professional	_____ Graduate or Professional

Permission for Enrollment and Release of OPBI from Liability

I am an adult over 18 years of age and I give my child permission to participate in OPBI activities. I understand that even when every reasonable precaution is taken, accidents can sometimes still happen. Therefore, in exchange for the OPBI allowing my child to participate in OPBI activities, I understand and expressly acknowledge that I release the OPBI and its staff members and board for all liability for any injury, loss or damage connected in any way whatsoever to my child's participation in OPBI activities whether on or off the OPBI premises. I understand that this release includes any claims based on negligence, action or inaction of OPBI, its staff, directors, board, members and guests.

_____ I DO/ _____ I DO NOT grant permission to the OPBI and it's board to use photographs and videotapes, taken of my child, _____ for publication.

I have read and am voluntarily signing this authorization and release. I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND GRANT PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD, _____ (Name) TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY THE OPBI. By signing this form, I state that I am the legal parent/caregiver of the minor child listed above and authorized to grant such permission.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Staff Initials: _____

Please describe your other extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, etc) and/or jobs and how it may affect your role as a TriBE member:

Refer a friend to join TriBE:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

How do you know this person? _____

Essays for Application

Please type a minimum one-page, double-spaced essay answering each of the following questions. Then fax (574-6930), mail or email Dan Ribas (dribas@opbi.org) with your application.

1. Please tell us what you see as the current issues for today's middle school and high school boys as well as which issues are important to you personally.
2. Please describe any previous leadership, community service, or youth work you have that will help you be successful as an TriBE member. OR, describe your personality and how you can reach out to others and be a role model.
3. What are the good and not-so-good things about being a man in today's society? Does the positive outweigh the negative or does the negative outweigh the positive? How and why? Or, What do you hope the world will be like for your son? How will you help make those changes?





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**PEER/ ADULT RECOMMENDATION
TriBE MEMBERS**

In a separate one page letter, please answer the following questions:

- What is your relationship to the applicant and how well do you know him?
- How has he led by example, been a leader in a club or organization, or showed leadership in other unique ways?
- Is he a role model for other teen boys?
- How would he help OPBI make Tampa a better place for boys?

If you have any questions, please call Dan Ribas at The Ophelia Project and Boys Initiative: 813.514.9555 ext 108

Your Name: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Please mail, email or fax your typed responses July 15th to:

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