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**New Member Application 2023-2024**

**Break The Silence Peer Educators**

**“Preventing Gender Violence through Healthy Sexuality Education”**

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Break the Silence. Break the Silence currently provides students in good standing the opportunity to volunteer as a Gender Violence Prevention and Healthy Sexuality Peer Educator. **All members must complete 34 hours of mandatory training, attend a 60 minute weekly group meeting, and attend all mandatory BTS events.**

This written application is the first of two steps in the selection process. The Director of Survivor Support and Intimacy Education and current Break the Silence members will review your application. All information provided on the application will be kept private. **Please submit this application by September 30, 2023 via email to bed4@lehigh.edu.**

Once you submit your written application, you will be emailed a confirmation and link to schedule an interview October 2 to October 4, 2023 with the Director and current members of Break the Silence. If you are selected as a new member of Break the Silence, you will receive notification and be invited to attend training. **You must attend the entire 34 hours of training to be accepted as a Break the Silence member. Please see the attached training schedule for dates and times.**

Again, thank you for your interest in Break the Silence, and if you have any further questions, please contact the Office of Survivor Support and Intimacy Education at 758-1303 or bed4@lehigh.edu. **Please keep this letter for your records.**

Sincerely,



Brooke E. DeSipio, PhD

Assistant Dean and Director

Survivor Support and Intimacy Education

Lehigh University

**Break the Silence**

**Training Schedule**

**Fall 2023**

34 hours of gender violence and healthy sexuality training will occur:

Tuesday, October 17th 6-9 pm (3)

Tuesday, October 24th 6-9 pm (3)

Tuesday, October 31st 6-9 pm (3)

Tuesday, November 7th 6-9 pm (3)

Friday, November 10th 5-9 pm (4)

Saturday, November 11th 10am-4pm (6)

Tuesday, November 14th 6-9 pm (3)

Tuesday, November 21st 6-9 pm (3)

Tuesday, November 28th 6-9 pm (3)

Tuesday, December 5th 6-9 pm (3)

**Break the Silence Peer Educators New Member Application**

**\*Please type your application**

**Part I: Personal Information:**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Preferred Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Lehigh Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Current Year in School & Expected Semester of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Please list other time commitments in addition to academic classes (e.g. work, student clubs and organizations, volunteer activities, sports, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Part II: Personal Essay:**

**\*Please note: only well written and thoughtful applications will be considered**

1. How did you learn about Break the Silence?
2. Please indicate your reasons for wanting to be a member of Break the Silence.
3. How does joining Break the Silence connect to your personal Lehigh “Blueprint” and the 5 Blueprint foundations?
4. Do you have any previous experience that is relevant to the work Break the Silence does on campus (education/facilitation, event planning, violence prevention, sex ed, etc.)?
5. What do you hope to contribute to Break the Silence and what do you hope to gain from joining Break the Silence?
6. What are the aspects of being a Break the Silence member that will be challenging for you?
7. In your opinion, what are the main gender and sexuality issues globally, nationally, and specifically at Lehigh?
8. What topics, events, programs, or projects are you interested in working on as a member of Break the Silence (this can reflect current BTS programs and events or new ideas you have)?
9. Please describe your self-care strategies.
10. Any additional comments or information that you would like to provide.

Signature:

By signing below, I confirm that the information provided on this application is truthful to the best of my knowledge. Additionally, **I agree to the release of my personal information for academic and disciplinary background-check purposes**.

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(Print Name)

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(Signature) (Date)

Submit Your Application:

1. Please email your completed application to Brooke DeSipio at bed4@lehigh.edu.

2. Upon receipt of your application, you will be emailed a link to schedule an interview.

3. If selected, you must complete the 34 hours of training.

3. All members are required to attend weekly meetings. Members who fail to meet this requirement will be asked to take a semester or more off from the group.

4. Remember to keep a copy of this application for future reference.