

**UBC HOPE**

**HOPE  
AMBASSADORS**

Bringing students the opportunity to  
become a leader in their own community

# HOPE

Hey high school students!

If you're interested in getting more involved with your community, taking on a leadership role, and working with a ton of other great people, then UBC HOPE is happy to help you achieve that! Our team is eager to work with bright young students at various schools across the lower mainland to become HOPE ambassadors and work with our UBC team to encourage other students in your school to take part in great new events, as well as have opportunity to start up a branch of the HOPE club at your own school.



# OPTION 1

If you choose to become an integral part of the HOPE team, and want to begin your own branch of the HOPE club at your school, these would be the three stages to your role:

## Implementation

The first major goal is to implement the club into your school. Our team will take the time to help you plan out how to do this. The main tasks are to find a teacher or another member of your school faculty that is able to support this club and receive permission for it. We have a letter to provide for this teacher, and this package can also be used to help you explain the concept to your teacher. Once you have obtained the ability to begin the club at your school, our team will assist you in any way you need to help you make the club a success.

# Plans and Events

As a HOPE Ambassador, you will be representing our club as well as UBC to gather a group of like-minded individuals from your school in grades 8-12 to participate in various HOPE events that you yourself will have the ability to run. Your club can also choose to participate in UBC HOPE's events.

One example is our Warmth of Winter program where we travel to the downtown east-side and provide care packages for the homeless. We take the time to sit with these people and then post their stories on our website.

High school students who are a part of their school's HOPE club are given the chance to come out to this event with UBC students, which gives them the added bonus of being able to get to know new people, as well as experience a heart-warming event. If students cannot attend this event, we can also help your high school club plan its own Warmth of Winter event!

This is just one example of an event that would be passed on, and there is obviously much freedom you students have to develop their own ideas and projects, which we look forward to help implement!

# Plans and Events

Another important event our UBC branch has is the Mentorship program. This program pairs high school students, like yourself, with university mentors for a year-long program. We provide help with scholarship and university applications, and we are there to answer any other questions you may have for us!

Your high school HOPE branch would get a discount to the mentorship program and we would be more than willing to work with your team to find out what best works for the students. Another option is for us to bring the workshops to you. We understand that it can be difficult for students to come out to UBC, so for our high school HOPE branches, our team is willing to come straight to the school to provide presentations that students can benefit from.



# Connecting and Benefits

Seeing as you are a HOPE Ambassador, we will stay in touch with you! Throughout your time as director of your branch of HOPE our team will be in contact for any questions or concerns you may have. We will provide advice on how to implement your own ideas and support any new events you come up with. We may even bring your own ideas to our branch!

Additionally, as an ambassador, you will get a variety of perks throughout the year. For example, you will be our first point of contact for outreach. You receive perks like:

- Discounted membership
- Review packages
- Mentorship support throughout the year.
- You will also have the unique opportunity to state that you are affiliated with a UBC club on your university application - something that will set you apart.

The fact that you are club director, as well as a HOPE ambassador, can only help you when it comes to university applications, and if you decide to attend UBC you will get first pick for UBC HOPE's committee positions!

# OPTION 2

We fully understand that some students may not have the time necessary to lead an entire club, but may still wish to be a part of the HOPE movement. If this matches how you feel, we have a different option for you! You can still be a part of the HOPE team, but instead of having your own club, you would be representing ours, and UBC, in your school. Your role would involve two things:



## Promotion

As a part of this program, you would be given the task of finding a group of like-minded individuals from your school in grades 8-12 to participate in various HOPE events, like the HOPE for Success workshops. You will take part in helping your fellow classmates attend such workshops to make their transition to university as smooth as it can be, while participating yourself! You will essentially be our connection to the high school student community, so that your peers will get the most out of the resources available to them.

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## Connecting and Sharing

As a HOPE Ambassador, we want to stay in touch with you! We host multiple workshops throughout the year and ambassadors will serve as our first point of contact for outreach.

You receive incentives such as:

- Discounted membership
- Review packages
- Mentorship support throughout the year
- The ability to put this on your resume!

Further, you would be able to spread the message through social media and assist our team in reaching out to a larger demographic. We hope to spread our message and our events to as many people as possible and this is where you would come in!

# WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

All in all, HOPE ambassadors are given the opportunity to become a leader in their school and start their own legacy. Our team hopes to make this process easier and give you the stepping stools to make in impact in your community. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at [ubchopeclub@gmail.com](mailto:ubchopeclub@gmail.com).

**Sincerely, UBC HOPE**





# UBC H.O.P.E.

HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION FOR  
PROVIDING EMPOWERMENT

WELCOME to UBC HOPE!

Thank you for your interest in joining our team as HOPE ambassadors! Being a school ambassador is a great opportunity for you to connect with university students while you are still in high school. You will also learn important skills that will be helpful for your future academic journey, as well as gain an experience to write about in your own UBC applications. We have been in high school and understand the confusion around post-secondary application time. As ambassadors, you will be contributing to our mission by connecting your high school community with our organization and workshops; so that we can extend our program to more students and help us better understand students' needs.

The UBC Humanitarian Organization for Providing Empowerment is a non-profit organization under the Alma Mater Society run by passionate UBC students. Our vision consists of three pillars: student empowerment, high school outreach, and community outreach.

In line with our high school outreach mission is one of our main projects: the Mentorship program. This program consists of a variety of workshops held on the UBC campus such as Hope for Success, Worklist Workshops, and Uni 101. The workshops cover everything from university application how-to's, to study tips and residence life, balancing school and life, campus tours, and how to apply to courses, etc. What separates us from other prep programs is our one-on-one mentoring program. Students who attend HOPE's workshops are matched with a trained mentor who can help to guide and support them through their transition to university. The mentor provides support in terms of helping with UBC applications, building a worklist, transitioning to university life, or even just being a friend. This program is available to all grade 11s or 12s who are planning on attending university.

For younger students (grades 8 to 10), we have recently launched the brand-new Clinton Initiative! This program is similar to Mentorship, but is more general in terms of the services we provide. University is an amazing opportunity, but it's not the right path for everyone! This program aims to provide young students with the skills and knowledge to be successful after high school; such as learning how to search for a job or exploring other options like trade school or community college.

Our second major project is our Warmth of Winter initiative. It was started as a passion project by one of our club members and aims to provide support to marginalized individuals of the Vancouver Downtown East Side. Not only do we prepare and hand out care packages to the homeless residents, but we also connect with them through meaningful conversations and give them the opportunity to voice their stories. Our goal is to open up conversations about many significant problems such as poverty, drug abuse, sexual health, mental health, etc. and to better understand the circumstances of the residents so that we can contribute to the improvement of services for them.

Lastly, our organization really emphasizes student empowerment - we want to give students a platform to achieve their goals. When any one of our members has an idea or a goal, we work together to achieve it! It's this empowerment that has allowed many of our projects to come to fruition and be successful. This is also where our ambassadors come in!

We want to give you a platform to take the initiative and make a difference in your community. This can take on any form; it could be fundraising for a charity, organizing a volunteer event to give back to the community, or creating awareness for social problems!

Because our ambassador program is very new, you play a crucial part in shaping it. Check out this package with guidelines and ideas about your roles, while keeping in mind that you can bring any new ideas to the table!

Another part of your role is to connect your school community with our organization. This works in two ways; providing information and promoting our events to other students, and providing us with feedback on the needs of students at your school! We will discuss strategies and plans moving forward.

I look forward to working with you all!

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