

2025 FUGE Camps SLA

THE PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in the FUGE Camps Student Leader Apprentice program for 2025. Please be sure to read all the information so that you have a good understanding of what the program will offer and are aware of all requirements and due dates for the application.

We ask that you fill out your application by **January 31st, 2025**. You must also have 3 references submitted by **Jan 31st** in order for you to be considered. If you are selected to participate, you will be notified via **e-mail** no later than **February 12th**. Visit www.fugecamps.com/sla to find the application and link to send to references.

INFORMATION

The FUGE Camps Student Leader Apprentice (SLA) program is a two-week experience for students who are about to enter or who have just completed their senior year in high school. The program is designed for students who LOVE camp and want to learn more about leadership in the camp environment.

WEEK ONE

The first week of the SLA experience combines a variety of hands-on leadership experiences to get students out of their comfort zone. Every activity throughout the first week is designed to give students a wide variety of experiences. Some students will connect with certain aspects more than others, but all are intentional in developing valuable leadership skills. Week 1 experiences include:

- **Leadership Training:** Students will participate in Bible study as well as additional leadership studies that will help in identifying areas of strengths and weaknesses.
- **Team Building:** Students will work as a team to complete challenge course, team building challenges, and/or adventure recreation initiatives. These experiences are designed to stretch students beyond their comfort zone and help them unite as a team with fellow SLA students.
- **Ministry Sites:** Students will spend time serving in the community with fellow SLA participants. Some sites will offer face to face interaction with people while other sites may involve behind-the-scenes tasks. All sites are designed to provide students with a picture of community needs and how they can be involved in their own communities back home.
- **Preparation for Apprentice Week:** Students will prepare to be apprenticed to a FUGE Camps staffer during their second week.

WEEK TWO

During the second week of the program, students will be apprenticed to a FUGE Camps staffer and will experience first-hand what it is like to serve in camp ministry. Students will be given various tasks and roles throughout the week as they serve alongside the FUGE Camps staff. Students will attend staff meetings and participate in the majority, though not all, of staff activities throughout the week.

LOCATIONS

The SLA program will be offered at **four locations** in the summer of 2025 – **North Greenville University** in Tigerville, SC; **University of Mobile** in Mobile, AL; **Union University** in Jackson, TN; and **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary** in Fort Worth, TX. All locations will offer a similar experience during the first week of the program that will include leadership training, Bible study, ministry sites, recreation and more. During the second week, students will apprentice in either Centrifuge or MFuge depending on what the location offers.

North Greenville University in Tigerville, SC

- Dates // June 2-13, June 9-21, June 16-June 28, June 23-July 5, June 30-12, July 8-19
- Cost // \$499
- North Greenville offers both Centrifuge and MFuge, so students will have the opportunity to shadow in one of these programs. This assignment will be made once students arrive at SLA – not before.

Union University in Jackson, TN

- Dates // June 2-13, June 9-21, June 16-June 28, June 23-July 5, June 30-12, July 8-19
- Cost // \$499
- Union University offers both Centrifuge and MFuge, so students will have the opportunity to shadow in one of these programs. This assignment will be made once students arrive at SLA – not before.

Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, TX

- Dates // June 2-12, June 9-20, June 16-June 27, June 23-July 4, June 30-11, July 8-18
- Cost // \$499
- Southwestern Seminary offers both Centrifuge and MFuge, so students will have the opportunity to shadow in one of these programs. This assignment will be made once students arrive at SLA – not before.

University of Mobile in Mobile, AL

- Dates // June 2-13, June 9-21, June 16-June 28, June 23-July 5, June 30-12
- Cost // \$499
- University of Mobile offers MFuge, so SLA students will shadow an MFuge staffer during week 2.

****The cost of the program includes all meals and lodging for the two weeks as well as two t-shirts, leadership and Bible study materials. Transportation to and from the program is *not* included in the cost.**

REFERENCES

You must supply at least three references. The link to send your references can be found at www.fugecamps.com/sla. The three references need to be from one of each of the following people:

- Reference #1 – Student Minister, Youth Leader or Church Pastor
- Reference #2 – Sunday School/Small Group teacher or someone who has spiritually taught you
- Reference #3 – Adult who has known you well for several years (This could be a teacher, family friend, coach, etc.)

Please feel free to email Taylor Heatherly at slafuge@lifeway.com with any questions.