

JDRF Ambassador Program Overview 2016-2017

Introducing the redesigned JDRF Ambassador Program for the JDRF Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Chapter! People with type 1 diabetes (T1D) in grades 9-12 are encouraged to apply. The program will provide students with the opportunity to engage their community in advocacy and fundraising efforts, volunteering, and education about T1D through the help of JDRF. Students will interact with their peers, adults, and the media in order to successfully communicate the messages of JDRF to the community.

JDRF Ambassadors should:

- Have T1D
- Have a positive outlook of T1D and of life
- Be willing to speak about their T1D in front of groups or the media
- Be in grades 9-12 by the start of the 2016-2017 school year
- Commit to participating in the JDRF Ambassador program for the duration of the school year
- Obtain written parental permission if under 18 (located on application)
- Arrange for transportation to and from JDRF events and JDRF Ambassador activities

JDRF Ambassador Responsibilities and Expectations:

- Educate the public on the basics of T1D using personal stories and experiences through social media or in-person presentations
- Commit to taking a leadership role in raising a minimum of \$2,000 via the JDRF One Walk, Ride to Cure Diabetes, Hope Gala or other campaigns
- Complete a minimum of 20 hours of participation in volunteer service at JDRF events such as the TypeOneNation Summit, JDRF One Walk, Ride to Cure Diabetes, Hope Gala, or outreach events
- Commit to participating in at least one of the JDRF One Walks on a fundraising team (DC, MD, or VA)
- Be able to attend the JDRF Hope Gala (Nov 5, 2016 in DC or Nov 12, 2016 in Baltimore)
- Volunteer and assist local JDRF chapter in office activities such as mailings and thank you notes as needed
- Speak to adults in a mature way regarding the daily life of a person with diabetes and behave in a mature fashion at all times
- Attend JDRF outreach events as needed
- Become a JDRF Advocate or join JDRF's Youth Advocacy Leader (YAL) program

JDRF Ambassador Program Benefits:

- Give back to JDRF and the T1D community
- Excellent service experience for college applications and/or honor societies
- Upon completion of the program, JDRF Ambassadors will receive a JDRF Service Award, awarded at the Chapter Annual Meeting

Mandatory Dates:

- Orientation on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at Sky Zone in Columbia, MD from 2-3:45 PM
- DC Hope Gala, November 5, 2016 OR Maryland Hope Gala, November 12, 2016

TO APPLY:

Please fill out the Google Form application, or send the attached application to kvanmeter@jdrf.org by **August 31, 2016** to apply for the program.