

## Alternative Spring Break - March 2020 - Participant Application

The Center for Career and Civic Engagement is seeking participant applications for the 2020 Alternative Spring Break program. Alternative Spring Break (ASB) is a week-long immersive service and learning experience. Through meaningful action, reflection, and education, volunteers engage in direct service and explore a critical social issue in their host community or region. Volunteers have a chance to learn about the context of the issue their team will address, explore the culture and history of the area, and participate in pre-departure education and training programs while building leadership skills and developing strong relationships with their team. Each trip will be led by a trained student leader, in addition to a faculty/staff member from Winthrop University. To be considered for this Alternative Spring Break Experience, please fill out and sign the attached application and return it to Laura Foster in Crawford. Applications will be considered according to space availability.

There will be two different ASB Trips.

- **Richmond, Virginia:** Join the fun and travel to the capital of Virginia. Our ASB team will partner with Side by Side VA to aid them in their mission in creating supportive communities for the LGBTQ+ youth. Also, they will work alongside project: HOMES, completing small home improvement projects for families that “improve lives by improving homes”. This trip offers the opportunity to have an enriching experience, meet new people, get outside of your comfort zone, and serve others. The focus of this trip is **LGBTQ youth support and affordable housing**.
- **Louisville, Kentucky:** Journey to the largest city in Kentucky, right along the Ohio River. Louisville, Kentucky has been aiding refugees since 1975, after the Vietnam War. Our ASB team will partner with Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army to provide services that help refugees and immigrants transition into their new lives. Projects may include sorting donations used for refugee resettlement, assisting refugee and immigrant gardeners at their plots, assisting in a food bank/soup kitchen, working in ESL classrooms, and more. This trip offers the opportunity to serve while gaining a better awareness on how global issues impact people all around us. The focus of this trip is **refugee and immigrant support**.

### Trip Details:

Each trip will cost \$299.00 - \$202.00; this covers meals at the site, transportation, housing and some extracurricular activities for the week.

- Free time is scheduled for participants to sightsee and relax on all ASB experiences. We suggest bringing along a little extra spending cash.
- Students must provide bedding (sheets, pillows, and blankets), toiletries, and towels.
- A Winthrop official will accompany all trips.
- ASB experiences are drug and alcohol free at ALL times. This includes evening hours and/or free time regardless of age.

Have questions about ASB 2020? Please contact Laura Foster in the Center for Career & Civic Engagement at [fosterl@winthrop.edu](mailto:fosterl@winthrop.edu) or by phone at (803) 323-2141. Please feel free to drop by Crawford with any questions.

# Alternative Spring Break 2020

## Participant Application

*Please return to Laura Foster, Career and Civic Engagement, first floor Crawford Building*

Due October 25, 2020

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Student WU Number \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year:    ☐ Freshman    ☐ Sophomore    ☐ Junior    ☐ Senior    ☐ Graduate

Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size:    ☐ Small    ☐ Medium    ☐ Large    ☐ XL    ☐ XXL

Have you participated in ASB before?    Yes    No

If yes, what year?    ☐ 2016    ☐ 2017    ☐ 2018    ☐ 2019

If no, have you applied for ASB before?    Yes    No

If applicable, please list any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, please list any allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please rank your ASB trip preference, with 1 for your first choice and 2 for second choice. If there is a trip that you are *unwilling to attend*, please mark an X in front of the trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Richmond, Virginia (3/15 – 3/20) cost \$299.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Louisville, Kentucky (3/15 – 3/20) cost \$202.00**

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Please answer the following questions in essay form. Answers should total no more than 2 pages double spaced.

1. What motivates you to participate in an Alternative Spring Break Trip that focus' on immigrant and refugee populations and / or LGBTQ youth and home repairs?
2. How do you see yourself or your skill-set contributing to the group and to the community that you will serve?
3. Please list any leadership and service activities you have been involved with at Winthrop University and/or elsewhere. Choose one of these activities and explain how it impacted your life.

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Please sign below to verify that, if accepted, you intend to take part in ASB 2020 the week of March 15-20, 2020. By signing, you agree to participate in all pre-departure meetings, pay an initial 75.00 deposit, and abstain from the use of drugs and alcohol while participating in ASB. By signing, you also accept that if you cancel after being accepted, you will not receive a refund or partial refund of payments made. **The balance must be paid in full by February 14, 2020.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Payment Schedule:

**Deposit of \$75.00 VA/ \$75.00KY due on or before November 15, 2019**

**Second Payment \$75.00 VA/ \$43.00KY LA due on or before January 17, 2020**

**Third Payment of \$75.00 VA/ \$42.00 KY due on or before January 31, 2020**

**Balance Due of \$74.00 VA/ \$42.00 KY on or before February 14, 2020**

Payments are nonrefundable and must be paid on time to guarantee a spot on a trip. Fundraising activities are encouraged. Any fundraising activities must be approved. Participation in fundraising by trip participants will be applied to their personal balance and deducted from cost of trip.

**Applications Due: October 25, 2020.**

**Crawford 129**

**By 5:00pm**