Friend Ships Unlimited

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Dear Sea Hawk Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Friend Ships Sea Hawk program. We would like to take this time to introduce you to this program.

The Sea Hawk program is an 11-month program designed for young people in the transition time between school and entering the work force. It is designed with you in mind and the goal is to bolster and strengthen you in many areas of your life. Sea Hawks will add to your life in strategic ways and you will learn more in a year than you would in many other settings. It will help you to develop work skills and ethics. We hope that it will also cause a hunger in you to help the less fortunate of the world; that you will develop an excitement about how you as an individual can make a difference; and most importantly that you experience a growth in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The **value** of the 11-month training program is $ 12,000. Currently, Friend Ships has the opportunity to make the Sea Hawks program available for only the cost of books and uniforms. If you would like to apply for this scholarship, please submit a letter addressed to **Mr. Don Tipton**, explaining your relationship with Jesus and why you feel God is directing you to the Sea Hawks program. We are only receiving full scholarships now to participate in the Sea Hawks program. Apply now as there are limited openings. Room and board are provided through the full scholarship.

The objective of Sea Hawks is to instill into the participant some of the foundational attitudes and Godly characteristics that will prepare you not just to be able to live Godly lives, but also to be able to be effective in whatever ministry God has called you to. This is accomplished by having the participant face various structured challenges in the areas of their spiritual, emotional, mental and physical lives.

Sea Hawks will introduce you to the four aspects of relief missions that Friend Ships carries out - international humanitarian aid, disaster relief, medical missions and domestic food distribution. The program also serves as training for entering relief missions with Friend Ships full-time at the end of the program, if you so desire. Cadets will generally work an 8 hour day, 6 days a week, in some capacity at Port Mercy, as a support to the ongoing operations. This will primarily be in ship maintenance, food service, domestic services, warehousing, grounds keeping or engineering. Another aspect that you will be involved in is a daily fitness program. Early, on week day mornings, you will participate with the regular staff in a devotional time, and on Tuesday nights in a prayer meeting. Sundays are free to attend the local church of your choice. Throughout the week, you will have regular devotional studies geared towards maturing as a Christian and seeking God's will for your life. There will be regular evaluations of your conduct and work ethics to help and encourage you towards improvement and excellence. You will be tested in the skills you learn and develop, in order to receive qualification in that area of Friend Ships.

It is expected that you are seriously pursuing the will of God in your life. To help you with this, we have instituted certain rules to help you avoid distractions. For example, there are to be no personal romantic relationships for the entire length of the 11-month program. There will not be any vacation time during the program, however, there will be a two week break at Christmas.

The program will commence August, 2010. The initial 6 weeks will be an introductory session after which you and the Sea Hawk Leader will decide if you should continue for the remainder of the program. Upon successful completion of the course, you will receive a certificate of graduation and will be considered for placement as Friend Ships Crew or overseas placement, if you so desire.

If you are accepted, this will be a challenging year for you! It will be difficult at times, but you will learn much. You will work side by side with people that have dedicated large periods of their lives to serving God full-time. You will never be the same. May the Lord lead and guide you as to whether you should apply to the Sea Hawks program.

In Christ,
Murray Douglas, Sea Hawks Director