

KALEO
Youth Theology Institute
STUDENT PARTICIPANT PACKET

Thank you for your interest in the KALEO program. We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your application! Please read the instructions carefully and fill out the application completely. Feel free to contact us anytime for more information. This packet includes the following: Program Overview, Participant Description, FAQ's, and the Mentor Form. This is one of the three forms required for all KALEO participants.

The following three forms are needed for all KALEO participants:

Nominator Form: The nominator form is to be completed by the person nominating the student for the program. Every student applying for the program needs to have a nominator. A nominator should be a pastor or other church leader who knows the student well enough to speak to his or her suitability for the program.

Mentor Form: The mentor form is to be completed by the person mentoring the student during the program. Every student applying for the program needs to have a mentor. A mentor should be a pastor or other church leader who has an active relationship with the Lord and desires to mentor the participant for the full year. The mentor and/or student must e-mail the completed mentor form to kaleo@wbu.edu.

- The mentor and nominator can be the same person.
- The mentor and student must be the same gender.
- The mentor cannot be a family member.

Student Participant Form: The student participant form is to be completed by the student who is applying for the program.

Upon completion of this application, please e-mail it and any questions you may have to kaleo@wbu.edu.

Program Overview

KALEO is a Christian leadership development initiative for incoming junior and senior high school students featuring an immersion component and a one-year mentoring component.

The overarching purpose of KALEO is to transform lives through the discovery, discernment, and affirmation of God's call for Christian leadership in the lives of junior and senior high school students.

Immersion Program

Students involved in KALEO will participate in a 2-week program involving a series of three different back-to-back immersions.

- **Wilderness Immersion** at Camp Eagle, kayaking down the South Pecos River near Rocksprings, Texas.
- **Campus Immersion** led by the faculty of the school of Christian studies on the Wayland Baptist University campus in Plainview, Texas.
- **Mission Immersion** mobilizing students to God's mission with one of the Wayland Baptist University Mission Center partners.

One Year Mentorship

Three months before and eight months after the immersion, students are mentored by hometown pastors and leaders. Mentors help a student process their immersion program experience and walk alongside them as they make major life decisions and seek to follow God's call in Christian leadership. Mentors meet regularly with students and supervise the leadership and involvement of students in various ministry contexts.

Participant Description

Number of Participants: 10 student participants (5 female, 5 male with an attempt at an equal distribution of junior and senior high school students).

Character of Participants: KALEO builds upon students who have a living and growing relationship with Christ. Each participant should have encountered a call to salvation in Christ and have a desire for growth in His image through discipleship and exhibit the potential for leadership and ministry.

Nomination of Student Participants: Local church congregations, pastoral leaders, and mentors can nominate students as candidates for KALEO. Nominations can be made for participants who have just completed their sophomore or junior year in high school. Nominations should be presented by mid-February. Nominator forms can be submitted via e-mail at kaleo@wbu.edu or printed and mailed to Wayland Baptist University at 1900 W 7th #1265 in Plainview, Texas 79072.

Important Dates

- Application Deadline March 15
- Admission Decision March 30
- Immersion Program June 3-June 20, 2021

Components of the Application Process

1. Student Participant Form - The form can be submitted online or as a hardcopy
2. Mentor Form - Person(s) who will partner and participate in the one-year mentoring component of KALEO. This form also serves as a reference form for the participant.
3. Church Participation Form - Form confirming evidence of salvation in Christ and potential for leadership and ministry. Pastoral signature required.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply?

Most students apply when they are high school sophomores and juniors and participate in KALEO during the summer preceding their junior and senior year.

When is the KALEO immersion program?

The two-week immersion experience takes place in the summer during the month of June. The 2021 KALEO immersion is June 3-June 20, 2021

When are applications due?

Applications coming from within the United States must be submitted no later than March 15, 2021. There is no charge to apply.

How do I turn in my application packet?

Upon completion of this application, please e-mail it and any questions you may have to kaleo@wbu.edu.

When will I know if I've been accepted?

We take as many qualified applicants as we can into the program but do not always have room for everyone. Admission decisions will be mailed by the end of March.

What will I need to bring?

Packing lists will be dispersed upon acceptance.

How much does it cost?

The student fee is only \$1000 per applicant and we ask each student's church to contribute an additional \$500. This is a huge discount from what it costs to actually run the program and covers all program fees:

- The Wilderness Immersion to Camp Eagle near Rocksprings, Texas.
- The Campus Immersion at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas.
- The Mission Immersion consisting of a week-long mission trip within the United States.
- All food, lodging, and airfare are covered.

Will I need to bring extra spending money?

Yes. Participants will need to bring extra money for airport meals, emergencies, souvenirs, etc. We suggest about \$100.

Can I do fundraising to help pay my fee?

Yes. KALEO provides fundraising tools and churches are encouraged to sponsor students.

Is there a payment plan for KALEO?

We have the following payment plan available:

- Deposit 1 of \$300 due April 12
- Deposit 2 of \$300 due April 26
- Final Deposit of \$400 due May 10
- Church Deposit of \$500 due May 10

Student Participant Form

The Student Participant Form is to be completed by the student who is applying for the program.

STUDENT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION Please print clearly.

In completing this form you are applying for the KALEO program.

I, _____ understand that the KALEO program is an opportunity and
Student's Name
commitment to participate in an immersion experience and to be mentored for one year (3 months before and
9 months after the immersion).

Student's Signature

Date

STUDENT INFORMATION Please print clearly.

Name _____ Preferred Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Email _____ Do you use Instagram? _____

High School _____ School Classification _____

Church Name _____ I have been part of this church since _____

Church Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Website _____ Church Denomination _____

Senior Pastor _____ Youth Pastor _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____ (if "no" Country of Citizenship _____)

How did you hear about the KALEO program? _____

STUDENT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

4. Who has been the most influential person in your life? Describe your relationship. How has he/she influenced you? Be specific.

5. Historically Christians have crafted and appealed to various Statements of Faith that describe their core beliefs and convictions concerning God. Briefly write out your own Statement of Faith, explaining, as best you can, what you believe it means to be a Christian.

6. What are two or three things (other than your faith) that have most impacted who you are today?

STUDENT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

7. What would you most like to see changed in the world and why? How do you see yourself playing a role in that?

8. In the last year, what life questions and/or faith issues have you wrestled with and to what, if any, conclusions have you arrived?

9. What is your understanding of the KALEO program?

10. Why would you like to participate in the KALEO program?

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION Please print clearly.

Guardian 1

Name _____ Relationship to Student _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____ Does Candidate Reside with You? _____

Guardian 2

Name _____ Relationship to Student _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____ Does Candidate Reside with You? _____

Why do you support your child's participation in the KALEO program?

Guardian 1 Signature

Date

Guardian 2 Signature

Date