

Eastward Canvassing Program, Student Manual

We're excited that you are considering attending this canvassing program as a Student Literature Evangelist. We'd like to encourage you with the following statement:

God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning.

– *The Colporteur Evangelist, pg 5*

Student Guidelines

1. Must have the desire to grow personally and a willingness to learn
2. We provide a low-fat, low-sugar, vegetarian, caffeine-free diet. You are encouraged to maintain a healthy constitution.
3. Have a good attitude. *“By courteous behavior and kindness such a worker may open the door of many homes” (CM p. 88).*
4. Dress for the Lord. *“Untidiness in dress brings a reproach against the truth we profess to believe. You should consider that you are a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ” (CM p. 65).* See Dress Guidelines. No jewelry is to be worn. If in doubt, don't wear it.
5. Students earn a commission of 60% of total donations after book costs and program expenses are deducted.
6. Students may receive an additional bonus of 10%. The bonus will be given to students who come for the entire program and follow the student guidelines.
7. Since this ministry takes place on God's property no secular or unapproved music, literature or media can be brought to the program. Only classical or easy listening Christian music after hours.
8. The use of mobile phones should be limited to personal time only. They are not to be used during worship, training or outreach time.
9. The student, after proper training and experience, should be able to deliver an average of one book per hour.
10. Because of the demands placed on students to master complex concepts of the canvassing work, we ask you to refrain from intense or romantic relationships during the program. Please see leader for additional questions.

11. Your most important responsibility is to enjoy your time sharing God’s love and working for the Lord.

Daily Schedule

5:30-6:30am	Personal Time
6:00-6:30am	Breakfast Prep / Lunch Prep
6:30-7:30 am	Breakfast
7:30-8:00am	Breakfast Clean-up
8:00-8:30am	Worship
8:45am	Training
9:30am-6:00pm	Canvassing/Lunch
6:30-8:00pm	Top-sheets / Tea / Chores / Showers
8:00-8:30pm	Worship
9:00pm	Lights Out

Dress Guidelines

Due to the unique nature of the canvassing work, we ask you to abide by the following dress code:

1. **Neat.** Regular showers, decently dressed, hair well-groomed, teeth brushed, etc.
2. **Professional.** First impressions are extremely important for door-to-door work. Because of this we ask you, during canvassing hours, to dress with a professional look.
 - a. **Men:** Cool slacks or neat jeans, shirts with collars (no large advertising emblems on the shirts such as rock bands, sports, etc.).
 - b. **Ladies:** Dresses, skirts (well below the knee), tops with sleeves (no advertising emblems such as music logos, sports, etc.).
3. **Modest.** Modesty is a part of the Christian lifestyle. In this area we particularly separate ourselves from worldly dress. Clothes should not be tight fitting or revealing in any way. This is very important for your *personal safety* on the streets. Modesty must also characterize your clothing while off-duty. No jewelry or tank tops are to be worn.

Our belief in Christ's soon coming separates us from the world. We show this in all aspects of life. Dress is a major area to distinguish our lives as different and Christian. We ask you to study dress and its principles from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy.

Safety Guidelines

1. Always carry the two-way radio with you, **including** into a house.
2. **Only** enter a house after **calling leader with address and don't enter until he/she responds.** After exiting the house, let your leader know.
3. **Females, never enter a house alone where there are only males.** Make sure there is a female present before you enter. **Males, never enter a house alone where there are only females.** Make sure there is male present before you enter.
4. If you should be harassed or feel threatened at any time, immediately call your leader, whether you're in a house or on the street.

Our greatest concern is for your safety. Be careful and claim this text: "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them." Ps. 34:7.

Student Pledge

A student literature evangelist is a youth called by God to devote time to soul winning through the circulation of Heaven's message in printed form. The student represents and upholds the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, works for the goal of spreading the gospel message through literature evangelism, and demonstrates wholehearted commitment to finish the gospel commission. This ministry involves a balance of the following essentials:

1. Taking time every day for spiritual, professional, and physical improvement through Bible study, prayer, planning, and exercise.
2. Referring genuine spiritual interests to Bible Workers for further contact.
3. Developing a sound presentation.
4. Cooperating with leaders and helping with program needs.
5. Attending and participating in scheduled group activities and special literature evangelist church services.

I solemnly pledge, by God's grace, to devote myself to His service as a student literature evangelist and to abide by all the guidelines as stated in this handbook.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____