Pathway Missionary Responsibilities

With more than 100 Pathway sites located across the globe, BYU-Idaho relies heavily on part-time Church-service missionaries to assist with the on-site management of the program. Pathway missionaries are primarily tasked with a) recruiting new students and b) providing support and shepherding care to enrolled students during their first year in the program.

Perhaps most importantly, it is critical that Pathway missionaries build strong relationships with local ecclesiastical leaders and institute directors — who are vital to the recruitment effort and overall success of the program. Additional missionary responsibilities include the following:

Role and Responsibilities
1) Promote Pathway by personally engaging priesthood and auxiliary leaders in each stake and ward
2) Identify and recruit potential students by: a) working with local priesthood/auxiliary leaders, and b) implementing a variety of marketing tactics
3) Meet for two hours every Thursday evening for Pathway gatherings during BYU-Idaho’s academic calendar: (Fall: Sept.–Dec. / Winter: Jan.–April / Spring: April–July)
4) Facilitate weekly Pathway gatherings (this does not involve teaching the academic curriculum)
5) Monitor student academic success, participation, attendance, and retention
6) Empower students with tools to become self-reliant by offering support and encouragement, but not fulfilling their responsibilities for them
7) Participate in regular trainings and meetings provided locally and online through BYU-Idaho
8) Maintain regular communication with assigned BYU-Idaho Pathway regional manager or area coordinator, who will serve as the missionaries’ primary contact throughout their service
9) Serve for 12–24 months, but may extend with approval of stake president and BYU-Idaho
10) Work approximately 12–20 hours per week

Desired Qualifications
Ideal Pathway missionaries exhibit a combination of most of the following:
1) Positive attitude, desire to serve others, willingness to support changes as Pathway grows
2) Refined communication skills — both verbal and written
3) Willingness to reach out (in person) to local ecclesiastical leaders for recruiting purposes
4) Proficient using computers, the Internet, and software (such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)
5) Comfortable giving presentations to groups of potential students and ecclesiastical leaders

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Questions about responsibilities or the program in general may be directed to:

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