# **Opening Up a Chapter of Gifts of Awesome**

GOA is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to creating more student leaders. All members have the chance to start their own volunteer project- which can be as simple as going to nursing homes and performing for patients, or as crazy as raising money for school supplies for classrooms in South Korea. Our chapters also host Speakers Sessions with professionals and leaders in various areas. These leaders come and share their knowledge with GOA members.

### Benefits of becoming a leader:

- Affiliation with a major non-profit organization
- Exclusive access to our speakers (Entrepreneurs, Nobel Laureates, Politicians, etc.)
- You will be huge proponent of the cause to encourage students to make their own steps in improving the world,
- Perfect resume material both as President and Founder of your school's chapter of GOA, as well as a proponent of an important cause.
- You will stand out amongst your competition whether you are applying to college, or for a job position. Companies and colleges are actively searching for leaders and this is your opportunity to be one
- You have an opportunity to be featured in the Press. For example, our 3-month old chapter in Brooklyn Technical High School has already been covered in a well-known newspaper called "The Reporter."

# Here are the steps to opening up your own chapter:

- 1) Check out your school's or community center's procedure for starting a new club
- 2) If you go to a high school or college, find an adult supervisor
- 3) Create a Google Form and advertise on social media to get people to come to your club!
- 4) Build an Executive Board

#### **Building Your Executive Board**

The positions you need to select people for include: VP of Volunteer Services, VP of Public Outreach, Secretary, and Social Media Manager.

*President:* communicates with Gifts of Awesome's Executive Board as well as monitors the club's activities.

VP of Volunteer Services: assists volunteers in planning their initiatives, as well as manages club meetings

*VP of Public Outreach:* reaches out to speakers as well as communicate with the GOA national Executive Board. This person is in charge of sending monthly reports to the organization, as well as assisting club members in their work with other non-profits

Secretary: help members and leaders manage their financials (funding.)

*Social Media Manager:* monitors the chapter's social media pages, and keeps members updated on the club's developments.

## **Chapter Responsibilities:**

- 1) Host one speaker session per month with surrounding leaders (youtubers, CEO's of major companies, entrepreneurs, local leaders) at your chapter.
- 2) Assist members in developing their own, unique volunteer initiatives. You can find all necessary material for individual volunteering initiatives on www.giftsofawesome.org/hub.html
- 3) Sending monthly Progress Reports to the GOA national Executive Board. We will use this material and to publish your chapter accomplishments in our national newsletter (if you have outstanding volunteers, speaker sessions, etc.) We will also select a Chapter of the Month using the material that you send us.

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