Debunking Ambassador Myths

Myth 01

"Ambassadors program is only for students from Computer Science / Information Technology background"

Actual Fact

- This program welcomes students from **any background**, promoting diversity and inclusion

- In fact, we have ambassadors from **Business Administration** to **psychology** background

- The core focus is in **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)** discipline

- You need to show **passion for technology**.

Myth 02

"Completing bachelors from an university makes an applicant ineligible for application."

Actual Fact

- As long as one has studentship under a **higher education institution**, he/she will be considered eligible for application.

- That includes undergraduate, masters and even PhD students!

Myth 03

"Not knowing how to code makes an applicant incompetent to become an ambassador"

Actual Fact

- You don't need have knowledge and experience of a particular programming language in order to apply.

- We have ambassadors who got selected without any programming experience

- Now they are developing exciting solutions using low-code platform.

Myth 04

"This program might require good amount of time commitment and that should be difficult for one to cope up with academic pressure at the same time"

Actual Fact

- The time one choose to put onto the program is completely **voluntary** and he/she won't be forced to perform any task or responsibility.

- The program values one's academic, co-curricular and personal concerns and has been structured in that way.

Myth 05

"Asking a particular ambassador or ambassadors community to select someone's application would be helpful to become an ambassador"

Actual Fact

- Program application is reviewed by **Microsoft** themselves

- No ambassador or ambassador community is allowed to be involved in **selection procedure**

- Ambassadors can only mentor, suggest changes and make one's application stand out from the others, but the rest depends on the individual

Myth 06

"An ambassador can provide FREE Microsoft Office or Windows 10 licenses if asked."

Actual Fact

- According to **program guideline**, no ambassador is provided Microsoft product licenses for **public distribution**.

- Special campus programs such as **Microsoft Imagine / Microsoft DevTools for Teaching** have available products for subscribed campus students.

Myth 07

"Getting accepted into the program means officially being a Microsoft employee"

Actual Fact

- This is a **student program** undertaken by Microsoft. Ambassadors are not treated as an employee of Microsoft company in any way

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- Students are also discouraged to promote such misinformation.

- Interested to become a Microsoft employee? Check out *https://careers.microsoft.com* and apply for preferred position in the preferred country.

Myth 08

"Ambassadors evidently get job offer from Microsoft"

Actual Fact

- No ambassador is provided any job offer as a program benefit

- Instead, Ambassadors get to engage with Microsoft professionals, engineers, program managers and cloud advocates on a regular basis.

- They get to network with diversified people and services from Microsoft.

- Having technical skills, impactful activities and professional networks makes the career transition process easier for ambassadors

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