

State College Bicycle Ambassadors Program Application



Volunteer Position Description

The State College Bicycle Ambassador Program is a volunteer-based outreach campaign aimed at improving the safety and knowledge of cyclists in State College. Based on similar programs implemented in Philadelphia and Fort Collins, the campaign emphasizes safe bicycling techniques, share-the-road practices, and targeted bicycle safety enforcement through organic, hands-on programs and interactions.

The Bicycle Ambassador Program has a minimum one-year volunteer commitment. You must commit to at least one full year of service, including the summer months when you will be most active. Responsibilities include:

- Attending community-based events to promote bicycling to improve health, reduce congestion, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Helping the public to learn about safe cycling in and around State College through demonstrating, leading by example, and direct dialogue.
- Working closely with Borough staff to support our community partners, like Penn State Transportation Services and the cycling groups, to promote bicycling in State College as safe, healthy, and fun place to cycle.
- During normal commuting hours, assisting the Borough of State College with posting information about laws and ordinances regarding illegally parked and abandoned bikes.

Essential Qualifications

- All applicants should have strong communication and collaboration skills and be able to speak in front of groups of people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Each applicant must own a working bicycle and helmet and should have some experience bicycling in and around the State College Area, particularly in areas with traffic.
- The applicant must be enthusiastic, interested in community building, and dedicated to the national service movement.
- Must be able to attend events during **summer** months in State College.
- Prior bicycle safety training is a bonus, but not required. All volunteers will be required to take the League of American Bicyclists Smart Cycling course.

State College Borough Bicycle Ambassador Application

Name	
Address	
Email	
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1. Provide a brief description of your experience in cycling. How often do you ride? What type of biking do you participate in (road, mountain, gravel)?

2. How often do you commute by bicycle?

3. What is your experience with bicycle maintenance?

Explain, if necessary:

4. What is your experience with group rides?

5. Are you a member of any biking clubs or organizations?

If yes, which?

6. Do you have any prior community engagement or public speaking experience?

7. Do you have prior volunteer experience?

If yes, please list where you volunteered and for how long

8. What do you think are the strongest factors that prevent people from bicycling (pick top 3)?

Weather-related

Safety concerns

Inconvenient

Other,

Time for commute/Distance

Improper equipment

Disinterest

What are ways they can be overcome?

9. Describe why you would make an excellent Bicycle Ambassador:

Please list two non-family references:

Name	Address	Phone	Email	Relationship

Please return applications to:

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