



### **The Order of the Torch**

Being a member of the Order of the Torch is one of the highest accolades a student may receive at USC. It is a life long membership into a premiere group of Trojans. Members are seniors graduating in 2012 who exemplify the Trojan ideals in all their diverse endeavors.

Additionally, members excel in:

- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Service
- Commitment to USC
- Strong public speaking skills
- An ability to communicate the USC experience to others

### **Mission**

The Order of the Torch exists to facilitate the communication between students who share the core Trojan values. Together, these students will emanate the ideals of a Trojan to all students and the USC community through positive programming and activities.

### **Expectations**

The Order is expected to complete several tasks once selected.

- Participate in the Homecoming Parade
  - Participate in CONQUEST!
- Complete one community service project
- Complete one leadership event for freshmen
  - Attend one athletic event
- Serve as USC ambassadors when requested for special occasions
  - Coordinate a senior class project
  - Attend scheduled meeting and events

The members not fulfilling their responsibilities will be removed from the Order.



# Order of the Torch 2011-2012 Membership Application

(Please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

USC ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s)/Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions in short essays of no more than 250 words each, double-spaced, on a separate sheet of paper:**

1. Explain a time or an experience you have had here at USC that made you proud to be a Trojan.
2. What unique contribution would you make as a member of the Order of the Torch?
3. Who are you? How would you describe yourself?

Applications are due by 5:00pm to TCC 330 on **Thursday, September 29, 2011**. Please submit five copies of this application form, resume, and essays. Please include specific dates and the duties of each activity in your resume and attach one copy of an unofficial transcript. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be accepted. Quarterfinalist notification emails will be sent on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 by 5:00pm. Applicants considered for an interview at this time will have October 6-7 to sign up for an interview slot on October 11 & 12 from 12pm – 5pm and 11am – 3pm respectively. A mandatory meeting will take place on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> for semifinalist applicants. **If you cannot attend the Emerging Leaders Program Training (January 8) and Retreat (January 20-22), you will not be considered for membership in the Order of the Torch.** For further information, please contact Heather Larabee at [larabee@usc.edu](mailto:larabee@usc.edu) or 213.740.5693.

*I am a senior graduating in Spring or Fall of the year 2012 and certify that all of the information provided in this membership application is true and written by me. In addition, I understand that I must attend the Emerging Leaders Program Training and Retreat in order to be considered for the membership in the Order of the Torch.*

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_