JOHN PERKINS LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM
John Perkins Leadership Fellow Program is a program for a group of first-generation college students who are becoming equipped to address our society’s biggest problems. If selected for this program, you will participate in a series of leadership development opportunities during your first two years of college. The Perkins Fellow program is a place where you can grow and learn about what it means to be a servant leader in your community, all while you pursue a college education.

RESIDENT ASSISTANT POSITION
The Resident Assistant lives in the residence hall and is responsible for providing supervision to Perkins participants. The Resident Assistant strives to foster Christian community that is conducive to and assists in the academic, social and spiritual development of Perkins students. He or she does this by: developing relationships with Perkins students; striving to be a role model and mentor; supporting the academic work of Perkins students; assisting in the development and implementation of activities intended for spiritual growth, identity formation and community life; and enforcing college rules and regulations.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES
Resident Assistants must be on campus by June 29, 2018 to continue orientation and begin preparing the residence hall for the Perkins leadership fellows.

Throughout the entire program, June 29th – August 3, 2018 Resident Assistants are on duty at all times including weekends. Resident Assistants are done with their commitment on August 3, 2018.

Resident Assistants are involved in community life evening and weekend programming. Residents Assistants work together with the Resident Director to plan and implement spiritual and personal development programming as well as weekend activities. Each Resident Assistant is expected to attend all community life programming and encourage active student participation. Please note that if you are selected as RA, you will not be allowed to have visitors.

Resident Assistants work with the Resident Director to help participants develop effective approaches to studying, time management and general study behaviors.

A Resident Assistant serves as a resource to participants, advising students on concerns that arise during the course of the program and consulting with the Program Directors to evaluate students’ needs.
QUALIFICATIONS

REQUIRED
- Appreciation for the John M. Perkins Leadership Fellows Program and Calvin College
- Commitment to Christ
- Willingness to learn and receive direction
- Be in good academic and conduct standing with the college at the time of application and the end of the 2018 Spring semester (minimum of a 2.5 G.P.A)
- Limited additional extra-curricular activities and employment during the program
- Driver’s license (please note that you will be required to drive a 12 passenger van)

PREFERRED
- Applicants currently in their sophomore, junior, or senior year at Calvin
- Prior experience working in a team setting and/or leadership position
- Prior experience living in a residence hall

COMPENSATION
Perkins Resident Assistants will receive a financial stipend of $1,850 and receive free room and board for the duration of the Perkins Leadership Fellows Summer Program.

APPLICATION / SELECTION PROCESS
Applications and Recommendation form are due Friday, February 23, 2018

Interviews will be held in early March

After Interviews week

⇒ Perkins Program Staff will meet to discuss your application, interview, and qualifications, and will review other input about you being a resident assistant.

⇒ You will be notified by the selection committee informing you that you have or have not been selected to serve as a Perkins RA for the summer of 2018.

QUESTIONS
If you have any questions regarding the Resident Assistant position or the John M. Perkins Leadership Fellows Summer Program, please contact Nygil Likely at precollege@calvin.edu or 616-526-6749.

** Keep for your records **
John M. Perkins Leadership Fellows Program

Resident Assistant Application

Name_________________________________________ Student ID number __________

Local address_________________________________ Phone _______________________

Calvin E-mail __________________________________ Phone _______________________

Home address __________________________________ _____________________________

Date of Birth _______________ Current G.P.A. ___________ Gender: Male _____

Female _________________________________________

Current year at Calvin  4th year  3rd year  2nd year  1st year  Major: ______

Do you have a driver’s license? _____________________________________________

Name of faculty or staff member writing your recommendation _________________

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS
On separate paper, please type the answers to the questions below (maximum of 2 single-sided pages, single-spaced).

1. Please list any activities/leadership positions in which you have participated during high school or college and list your prior work experience (or attach a resume with this information to your application)

2. Short essay questions:
   a. Please explain the reason you are applying for this position.
   b. What personal traits do you possess which will be helpful to the Perkins R.A. position?
   c. Describe several unique challenges that First Generation students face as they strive to succeed academically and socially at Calvin College.
   d. Explain how your Christian faith would be demonstrated in your position if you were an Perkins R.A.
   e. Describe how you would respond to the following situation: You are informed during a staff meeting that three students are doing poorly in class. You recall often seeing these students playing pool and ping pong, but rarely doing their homework. How would you motivate these students to do their studies?