When is the application deadline?
The application is due by Sunday, January 24th 2016.

What is the timeline for interviews and cohort selections?
A complete outline of important dates including the interview schedule and selection dates can be found at HERE.

What does the group interview entail?
The group interview is a time where the selection committee can learn about your interest in Pay It Forward and why you want to be involved with service programs at Ohio State. During the group interview we will ask some questions to the whole group about service/volunteerism, there will be a brief activity about to planning a service event, and there will be some time at the end where each candidate will get to meet 1-on-1 with the committee. There will be 4-6 applicants in each interview.

What is the weekly time commitment for being in the Pay It Forward Cohort?
During the Spring 2016 semester all new members must take ESHESA 2571 - Leadership in Community Service. This class meets from 4:10pm-6:50pm on Wednesdays starting March 2nd 2016-April 27th 2017. Also, during these seven weeks students are required to do approximately 30 hours of service-learning (service experiences will be set up by course instructor).

During the Fall 2016-Spring 2017 academic year (excluding breaks), there is an expectation that cohort members allocate on average 8-10 hours per week as a part of Pay It Forward. This time includes group meetings, planning service initiatives, and other projects. Some “Chair” positions vary throughout the year in terms of the number of hours required. For example, the Martin Luther King Day of Service Chair will be putting in more than 8-10 hours per week in December since the event is in January, but will be putting less than 8-10 hours in February since the event is over by this time.

What does each of the Pay It Forward Chair positions do during the year?
Each of the Pay It Forward Chair positions varies in terms of responsibility. Everyone in the cohort will have a primary role or chair position, as well as a supporting chair position. Also, cohort members lead local service strips and facilitate workshops during the academic year. Detailed position descriptions can be found HERE.

What does the Pay It Forward Cohort do during weekly meetings?
Every Thursday from 6:30pm-8:30pm during the Fall 2016-Spring 2017 academic year the Pay It Forward Cohort meets as a group. During the first hour of this meeting the cohort will participate in various leadership develop activities, develop cohort polices, and listen to guest presenters. During the second hour, each set of Chairs will have the opportunity to work together on their specific service initiatives.

What if I have a conflict with the ESHESA- Leadership in Community Service course on Wednesdays from 4:10-6:50pm during the second session of the Spring 2016 semester?
Unfortunately, all new members of the Pay It Forward Cohort must be available to take this section of the course if you have not previously completed this class. During this class we go over important training as part of the cohort. Before applying to the cohort, please make sure you are able to take this section of the class.

Am I able to take ESHESA- Leadership in Community Service for less than 3 credits?
Yes, you are! New cohort members have the option to take this class for 0, 1, 2, or 3 credits. Student sometime elect to take this course for less credits to stay under 18 credits for a semester. However, if you elect to take the course for less than 3 credits you still have to complete all of the course assignments and service requirements.