

Peer Leader Applications

Peer Leaders are upperclass students who play an important role in welcoming new students to Wagner College through their active participation in the Orientation and Link Programs. They are a select group of student leaders who are trained to serve as social and academic guides for new students. Peer leaders aid in the transition to college life by serving as mentors and resources for new students. Each peer leader works closely with the faculty advisor, assists students in moving into the residence halls and is involved in helping students discover the many activities and organizations that students can connect with at Wagner College.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Candidates must have a grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- It is suggested the Peer Leaders not be enrolled in summer school session during the Orientation period. Those who are employed must inform their employers that they will not be able to work during training hours and during Orientation weekend.
- Candidates must complete the application and return it no later than February 15th by 4pm to the **Wagner Union, room 221** or e-mail your application to **orientation@wagner.edu**.
- Candidates must have two reference forms completed and returned to the Deans' Office, Wagner Union, room 221 by **February 15th by 4pm**. **One of these references must be completed by a Wagner faculty or staff member.**
- Candidates must sign up for an interview in the Deans' Office (Union 221) or by calling (718) 390-3423 when he/she turns in his/her application. A member of the Deans' staff and a former Peer Leader will interview all students.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Preference will be given to Wagner College students who have demonstrated the following:

- Helping fellow students be successful at Wagner College.
- Academic success at Wagner College measured by a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- History of student leadership/involvement in campus life.
- Sensitivity to and interest in issues of diversity and community service.
- Interest in working closely as a team member with the Orientation staff.
- Enthusiasm for Wagner College, its' students, staff, faculty and academic and co-curricular life.
- Ability to model appropriate behavior, goal setting and mentoring for new students.
- Must be available for Peer Leader selection, training and all activities for New Student Orientation, including Saturday, February 26th from 9am to 5pm and from Monday, August 22nd to Sunday, August 28th.

If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Dean of Campus Life at 390-3423.

PEER LEADER JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

The Peer Leader is directly involved in all aspects of the program and will:

1. Serve as a positive role model for all new students.
2. Abide by and enforce all college rules and regulations.
3. Serve as a resource person for and work closely with a Faculty Advisor.
4. Be available to answer students' questions regarding any social/academic concerns
5. Attend formal training sessions prior to Orientation sessions.
6. Attend Orientation planning and evaluation sessions.
7. Assist students in moving into the Residence halls.
8. Be responsible for all students in advisement groups during the entire weekend.
9. Distribute schedules and other materials.
10. Attend all meals with students.
11. Attend all social events scheduled for new students.
12. Be alcohol and substance free for the entire Orientation period.
13. Aid with any emergencies that may occur.
14. Maintain continuous contact with the advisement group throughout the year.
15. Attend meetings as scheduled by the Deans' Office and the Co-Curricular Programs Office throughout the year.
15. Peer Leaders will serve in the Link Program beginning in the summer and throughout the remainder of the year

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: February 15th, by 4pm

**Please return to the Deans' Office, Wagner Union, room 221 or e-mail
application to orientation@wagner.edu**

*Any questions should be directed to the Office of the Dean of Campus Life at (718) 390-3423

Name _____ Today's Date: _____

College Address _____ College Phone _____ Box# _____

Home Address (for commuters and/or summer mailings) _____

Cellular Phone _____ Class Standing (currently) _____

E-mail Address Most Used _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Major _____

Date received in Deans' Office _____

Please list your involvement in activities on campus and in the community:

List any awards you have received:

Please list all relevant work experiences (including internships, work-study, part-time or summer jobs, etc.)

1. Describe the role of a Peer Leader, as you perceive it:

2. What personal qualifications would you contribute to the success of the Wagner College Peer Leader Program?

3. In your opinion, what are some issues that new students deal with when entering college and how could you help them?

I acknowledge that the information contained in this application is factual and is a realistic assessment of my abilities. Because I recognize that being a Peer Leader carries with it privileges and responsibilities, if chosen, I promise to act as a role model for all students at Wagner College and act in accordance with the Peer Leader job description and follow the policies and procedures set forth in the Wagner College Student Handbook. If this form is submitted electronically via e-mail, the e-mail record will serve as your signature.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Supplemental International Student Mentor Application

**This page is optional. Only fill it out if you are interested in being considered to be an International Student Mentor.*

Please complete the following application and return it with your Peer Leader Application to Union 221 by February 15, 2011.

In addition to the qualities listed for Peer Leaders, qualified applicants will possess the following:

- Sensitivity to and interest in issues of cross-cultural communication and internationalization
- Enthusiasm for Wagner College and New York City and ability to explore opportunities available to all new students
- Experience living in an unfamiliar culture
- Desire to mentor an international student

Expectations for International Student Mentors include:

- Peer leader training
- One year commitment
- Intercultural Awareness Workshop completed (4 hours of training to be completed during the spring semester prior to participating as an International Peer Leader)
- Two group gatherings of all International Peer Leaders and their international student mentees (One per semester)
- Participation in the Wagner International Club
- Other activities with international students as required

Please answer the following questions:

Do you have previous study abroad experience? Yes No
 If yes, when and how long? _____ Where _____

Do you plan to study abroad in the near future? Yes No
 If yes, when? _____ Where _____

What countries have you visited? What areas of the world interest you?

What are some of your interests and hobbies?

Please describe yourself (examples: shy, outgoing, flexible, loud, laid-back):

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PEER LEADER REFERENCE FORM

Dean of Campus Life Office, 1 Campus Road, Staten Island, NY 10301, Phone: 718-390-3423, Fax: 718-420-4130

Candidate's Name (Please Print) _____

I waive the right of access to this reference Retain the right to access to this reference.

I understand that this choice will not affect my candidacy in any way.

Candidate's Signature

Date

The student has applied for a Peer Leader position with the Orientation Program. Please complete the following questions and return to: **Deans' Office, Wagner Union Room 221** or attach as a file via e-mail at orientation@wagner.edu on or before **February 15th, 2011**. **Thank you!**

1. Please indicate how well you know the candidate and in what capacity.

2. What skills/leadership qualities does the candidate possess?

3. Please describe the candidate's work or project performance.

