

Peer Leader Information Sheet

(Please keep for reference)

What is a Peer Leader?

A Peer Leader is a student who uses his/her positive attitude, exemplary academic work, interpersonal skills, and personal experience to assist first-year students in their transition to university life. Peer Leaders pair up with GEP 101 instructors and help educate students on topics including campus involvement, time management, critical thinking, campus resources, the public affairs mission, and more.

What does a Peer Leader do?

- Acquaint themselves and work with a lead instructor
- Help students by answering questions, serving as a resource, and problem-solving
- Assist with class activities and teaching
- Develop positive relationships with students
- Make a difference in the lives of first-year students

What are the requirements of becoming a Peer Leader?

- 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Enrollment in IDS 310, a 1 credit hour course for leadership instruction at no cost to the student
- Completion of Peer Leader training
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong work ethic
- High standards for ethics and integrity
- Respect for the University and its students, faculty, and staff
- Desire to serve others

What are the benefits of becoming a Peer Leader?

- Become a leader on campus
- Earn 1 credit hour for IDS 310 each semester of service to a maximum of 3 credits at no cost to the student
- Obtain credentials for a resume following graduation
- Make a difference in the lives of first-year students
- Receive GEP101/IDS310 textbooks and peer leader apparel
- Meet other leaders on campus, collaborating ideas and sharing resources

How do I become a Peer Leader?

- To find out more information, attend one of our **information sessions**: Wed., Feb. 11 7:30-8:30 p.m. in PSU 317; Thurs., Feb. 12 6:00-7:00 p.m. in PSU 317; Tues., Feb. 17 6:00-7:00 p.m. in PSU 314 A/B; Wed, Feb. 18 12:00-1:00 p.m. in PSU 308.
- Complete the **application** and have two references fill out your **reference forms**. Your application and reference forms must be turned in to University Hall room 205 **no later than Tuesday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m.** You can find the application and the reference forms online at the First-Year Programs website: <http://www.missouristate.edu/FirstYearPrograms/2842.htm>
- Attend **Peer Leader Carousel** on Sunday, March 22 from 1:00-5:00 pm on the PSU 3rd floor. This is a required interview process; you *must* attend to be eligible to become a Peer Leader. Dress will be business casual.
- **Peer Leader position offers** will be made via e-mail by Tuesday, March 31.
- If you are offered a Peer Leader position, you will be required to attend the **Spring Peer Leader Training Session** on Sunday, April 12, 1:00pm-5:00pm.

| Event | Date | Location |
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| | Tuesday, Feb. 17 6:00-7:00 p.m. | PSU 314 A&B |
| | Wednesday, Feb. 18 12:00-1:00 p.m. | PSU 308 |
| Applications and Reference Forms Due | Tuesday, March 3, 4:00pm | University Hall 205 |
| Peer Leader Carousel | Sunday, March 22 1:00-5:00pm | PSU 3 rd Floor |
| Position Offers made | Tuesday, March 31 | Via e-mail |
| Peer Leader Training | Sunday, April 12, 1:00pm-5:00pm | PSU 400 |

If you have any questions, please contact First-Year Programs Director Dr. Mike Wood/
Assistant Director, Tracey Glaessgen at (417)836-8343 or e-mail FirstYearPrograms@missouristate.edu.

NEW Peer Leader Application

Missouri State University First-Year Programs

Name: BearPass:

Local Address:
Street City State Zip

Permanent Address:
Street City State Zip

Phone Number: E-mail
Address:

Major: Minor:

Academic College: Anticipated Graduation Date:

2015/2016 Academic Level (*Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior*):

Hours Completed: Missouri State Credits Transfer Credits

Hours Currently Enrolled GPA Last Semester Cumulative GPA

Did you transfer to Missouri State University? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes, I will attend the required Peer Leader Workshop on Sun., April 12 from 1:00-5:00p.m. If no, reason:
☐ Yes, I will enroll in the 1 credit hour IDS 310 Peer Leadership for the Fall 2015 semester (required).

List your campus and community involvement including offices held and recognition received:

| <i>Organization</i> | <i>Brief description of positions held and tasks performed</i> | <i>Dates</i> |
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Submit the following information regarding two required references.
Please note: A full-time faculty or staff member of Missouri State University must complete this form. Recommendations written by undergraduate students (such as RAs, Peer Leaders, etc.) **will not be accepted**.

| <i>Name/ Position</i> | <i>Business Address</i> | <i>Business Telephone</i> | <i>Affiliation with Reference</i> |
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Provide a short, typed response to the following questions.
(Please use only the space provided)

1. Why do you want to be a Peer Leader? Why do you think you would be a good choice for the position?

2. What do you think are the most important needs of a first year student at Missouri State in order to make a successful transition from high school to college?

3. What does Missouri State's public affairs mission mean to you?

The information in this application is factual and is a realistic assessment of my abilities. I understand that my academic and conduct histories will be reviewed as part of the Peer Leader selection process. I recognize that being a GEP 101 Peer Leader carries with it both privileges and responsibilities, and I can be removed from my Peer Leader position at the discretion of the Director of First-Year Programs.

Signature of Applicant:

Date

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Please return this application and your two reference forms no later than

Tuesday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m. to:

Dr. Mike Wood, Director/Tracey Glaessgen, Assistant Director
First-Year Programs
University Hall Room 205