



OFF CAMPUS LIFE AMBASSADOR

Application for the Academic Year

2019-2020

Sponsored by the UF's Off Campus Life office, The Off Campus Life Ambassador's mission is to assist OCL with events and outreach efforts to help educate students living off-campus. OCA's will also facilitate connections between University of Florida students, both on campus and in the Gainesville community, while assisting with informative events on municipal, cultural, social and safety issues.

By participating in Off Campus Life Ambassadors, you will have the opportunity to improve your leadership skills and work on a team in a supportive environment. You will also be able to assist with the production of educational and fun programming that will improve the lives of students at the University of Florida and be able to network with high-level university professionals. OCA's should be dedicated, creative, eager-to-learn, hard workers, and open to new people and ideas. There are 4 primary areas in which OCA's will serve the Gainesville community: **Event Planning, Brand Management, Leadership/ Educational Programming, and Community Relations.**

Event Planning: A successful ambassador in this category is one who enjoys and/or desires to grow their skillset in event planning and operational management. These people will work closely with the director of Off Campus life in developing and staffing OCA events. Some of the event planning steps include having the event approved through the Student Activities and Involvement office, advertising, and making sure things go smoothly the day of the event.

Brand Management: These ambassadors will be an integral part of OCL's marketing and campaign development. They will assist the marketing/social media Graduate Assistant in developing and executing a successful marketing, sales, and branding strategies at off-campus events. The ideal candidates have some experience in social media and print media. These individuals will be responsible for content creation and advocating for OCL resources.

Leadership/Educational Programming: Ambassadors in this area will help serve the student population by providing educational materials and leadership development to the off-campus population. This includes serving at presentations hosted by OCL and developing training materials used to help students thrive in the Gainesville community.

Community Relations: The ambassadors focused on community relations are those who will work with members of the Gainesville community to provide professional development and community service opportunities for students. Ambassadors in this category should have strong interest in working with organization in the Gainesville area. They will be responsible for serving as a liaison between OCL and the Gainesville community.

Serving as an ambassador is an honor and distinction. No academic credit is offered and the experience can be 1-4 years in length.

Application Deadline: Friday, April 12th, 2018 by 4:23 p.m.

Do you want to know more about being an OCA?

Email: Savannah Woodall, swoodall@offcampus.ufl.edu

http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/off_campus_ambassadors/

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Application deadline is Friday, April 12th by 4:23PM. Return completed applications to the office of Off Campus Life, located inside the UF Housing & Residence Education Office, with attention to Savannah Woodall. The physical address of the office 1304 Diamond Road, Gainesville, FL 32611. You may also scan and email your application to swoodall@offcampus.ufl.edu.

Selected applicants will be contacted and invited to arrange an interview time. The competitive selection process consists of several activities:

1. Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be selected for an interview. *You will be notified of our decision by email.*
2. Interviews will take place on **Thursday April 18th** between 8am-11am. You will be notified by email to schedule the time for your individual interview. During the individual interview, you will be expected to answer a series of question from an interview panel regarding your UF experience, as well as, motivation for wanting to be a part of this ambassador program.

Applicants *must*:

- Complete this application and submit to the Off Campus Life office, attn. Savannah Woodall by the deadline.
- Provide one **current** letter of recommendation and your resume attached to this application. Your reference should include your qualifications as a potential Off Campus Ambassador.
- Be an enrolled student at the University of Florida, online students are welcome and encouraged to apply.
- **Attend the Ambassador Training Retreat in the Fall of 2019– This is MANDATORY, meaning not negotiable, with the exception of an ACADEMIC conflict. Lunch will be provided.**
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Be highly motivated, energetic, and dependable.
- Be able to demonstrate outstanding leadership skills.
- Be a team player.
- **Attend regularly scheduled monthly meetings. MANDATORY unless you have a CLASS conflict.**
- Be willing to travel and participate in evening and weekend activities.

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Personal Information

Name:		UF ID:
Local Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone #1 :	Phone #2:	
E-Mail Address:		@ufl.edu
Permanent Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
DOB:	Home Town Newspaper: & address (optional)	

Education

Classification:	Expected Graduation Date:	GPA:
Major:	Minor:	

When did you enter the University of Florida?

Term (select one):	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
YEAR:			
I ENTERED AS A: FRESHMAN		TRANSFER STUDENT	

Important NOTE: The remainder of this application should be **HANDWRITTEN!**



*We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.
- Aristotle*

The four pillars of Off Campus Life are:

L_____, L_____, L_____, & D_____.

This summer, I plan to:

After graduation, I want to:

List three reasons why serving as an Off Campus Ambassador is important to you:

My top strength and weakness is:

Draw a picture/illustration reflecting your favorite place or activity in Gainesville.

Write the name of the Director of Off Campus Life in the right hand corner of page 7 on this application.

What is the title of page 44 in the Gator Guide to Off Campus Life?

List five qualities you believe will contribute to your effectiveness as an Ambassador:

Write while using the opposite hand you usually use to write—this box only.

How often do you read your emails? Be honest!
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List 3 things you love to do. It could be singing, dancing, looking at magazines, running, studying, etc.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will. —Vince Lombardi

Rank the following categories of OCA ambassadors from most to least interested (1 being “this interests me most” and 4 being “this interests me least”):

_____ Event Planning

_____ Brand Management

_____ Leadership/ Education Programming

_____ Community Relations

I learned about the OCA Program from:

Complete the steps required to subscribe to the OCL Monthly Newsletter. Draw a check mark over this box when this has been completed.

1. Find three page titles of the Gator Guide that you believe are most advantageous for students to know about. Write them around the outside perimeter of this page.

2. What is the average apartment rental cost for a 3br/3br within 2 miles of UF Campus or less?

Don't forget to attach your resume!

Please accept my application for the 2019-2020 Off Campus Life Ambassador Team. I certify that I am/will be enrolled at the University of Florida, my grade point average is 2.5 or higher, I am in good academic standing and that I have read and agree to the requirements of being an OCA.

Student's Signature

Date

Include 1 current letter of recommendation. Do not submit separately.

