Orientation Leader

Orientation Leaders (OL’s) are student role models who serve a vital role in the transition of our first-year and transfer students into the A&M-Texarkana community. OLs are dedicated leaders who possess strong communication skills, a desire to be part of team, and Eagle pride. OL’s work with small groups of first-year students during the SOAR program as well as throughout the fall semester. This is a great way to get involved, meet new friends, and make a difference! Each fall semester we start to recruit staff for the following year. Our staff consists of students from all the colleges who are involved in a variety of campus activities and organizations.

Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR)

Orientation Leaders are expected to attend all of Spring and Summer SOAR’s. This year’s SOAR dates are:

Summer 2016:
Freshman Overnight SOAR’s:
June 9-10
June 23-24
July 14-15
Aug (one day)

2 Transfer SOAR’s (dates are tentative):

Qualifications to be an OL...
- Current full-time student with a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA
- You must be in good standing with the University, e.g. not on disciplinary probation
- Must submit 3 letters of recommendation.

Responsibilities of an OL...
- Lead a group of new students, transfer students, or parents through SOAR
- Facilitate conversations on transition issues
- Model appropriate academic and social behaviors to incoming students
- Attend spring and summer training sessions prior to orientation. ALL TRAINING IS REQUIRED!
- Maintain your GPA
- Communicate with parents and family members of new students
- Attend all Orientation Leader meetings
- Facilitating team building and ice breaker activities for incoming students and/or parents
- May be expected to facilitate breakout sessions
- Set-up, clean, and breakdown rooms used during SOAR

The Perks...
- Opportunity to mentor groups of new students and transfer students
- A chance to strengthen your communications skills
- Participate in multiple teambuilding experiences
- Work with numerous leaders on campus
- Gain a better understanding of A&M-Texarkana and its organizational structure
- Network with various University faculty, staff and administrators

Applications are due in the Office of Student Life (UC126) NO LATER than 5:00pm on Friday, February 12, 2016.
Full Name: __________________________________________________

Address: ____________________ City: _______________ State: _____

Phone: ______________________ GPA: ________________

Student E-Mail address: ________________________________

Live On or Off Campus (circle one)

Major: _____________________________

Current Classification: (circle one)

Graduate Senior Junior Sophomore Freshman

What clubs/organizations are you involved in on or off campus?

Use this area to describe yourself in any manner you wish:
Why are you interested in being a member of the O-Team?

How would your past experiences/involvement opportunities benefit the O-Team?

What do you hope to gain from being an Orientation Leader?

What is one fact or interesting item about you that no one would know just by your appearance?

What did you enjoy most about your orientation experience?

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Applicant Signature                                             Date