

Who Is a Peer Leader?

(Please keep for reference)

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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?

- Make a difference in the lives of first-year students
- Partner with a lead GEP 101 instructor
- Help students by answering questions, serving as a resource, and problem-solving
- Assist with class activities and teaching
- Develop positive relationships with students

What are the requirements of becoming a Peer Leader?

- 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Completion of 30 credit hours
- 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?

- Make a difference in the lives of first-year students
- Obtain numerous skills to highlight a variety of jobs
- Receive GEP101/IDS310 textbooks and Peer Leader apparel
- Earn 1 credit hour for IDS 310, *Leadership Seminar*, each semester of service to a maximum of 3 credits at no cost to the student
- Receive 16 hours of university service hours
- Meet other leaders on campus to collaborate on ideas and share resources

How do I become a Peer Leader?

- To find out more information, attend one of our (optional) **information sessions**: see dates and times in table below.
- Complete the **application** and have two references fill out your **reference forms**. You can find the application and the reference forms online at the First-Year Programs website: MissouriState.edu/FirstYearPrograms/2842.htm
 - Your application and reference forms must be turned in **no later than Wednesday, March 10 at 4:00 pm**.
 - Submit via email to TraceyGlaessgen@MissouriState.edu or in person at Meyer Library 116 (Center for Academic Success and Transition).
- Attend a Peer Leader Interview with Dr. Glaessgen conducted via Zoom (see dates below—link to be sent).
- **Peer Leader position offers** will be made via e-mail by Friday, April 9.
- If you are offered a Peer Leader position, you will be required to attend the **Spring Peer Leader Workshop** on Saturday, April 17, 1:00pm-5:00pm via Zoom. If selected, please inform Dr. Glaessgen if schedule conflict.

Important Events for Peer Leader Applicants:

Event	2021 Dates	Location
Information Sessions	Tuesday, Feb. 9 11:00-11:30am	Zoom
Information Sessions	Wednesday, Feb. 10 5:00-5:30pm	Zoom
Information Sessions	Tuesday Feb. 23 1:00-1:30pm	Zoom
<i>Applications Due</i>	Wednesday, March 10, 4:00 pm	Via email or Meyer Library 116
Reference Forms Due	Wednesday, March 10, 4:00pm	Submit online
Peer Leader Interviews	Mon. March 29, Tues. March 30, Wed. March 31, Tues. April 6	Zoom
Position Offers made	By Friday, April 9	Via e-mail
Peer Leader Training	Saturday, April 17, 1:00-5:00pm	Zoom

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Tracey Glaessgen at (417)836-8343 or email TraceyGlaessgen@MissouriState.edu.

NEW Peer Leader Application

Missouri State University First-Year Programs

Name: BearPass M#:

BearPass login ID:
(what you use to log onto MSU computers)

Local Address:
Street City State Zip

Permanent Address:
Street City State Zip

Phone Number: Email Address:

Major: Minor:

Academic College: Anticipated Graduation Date:

2021/2022 Academic Level (*Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior*):

Hours Completed: Missouri State Credits Transfer Credits Total Credits

Hours Currently Enrolled GPA Last Semester Cumulative GPA

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

☐ Yes, I will attend the virtual Peer Leader Workshop on Saturday, April 17 from 1:00pm-5:00pm (required).

If no, reason:

☐ Yes, I will enroll in IDS 310 *Leadership Seminar* (1 credit hour) for the Fall 2021 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>

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, including academic integrity violations and student conduct violations, 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, via email or hard copy, no later than

Wednesday, March 10 at 4:00 p.m. to:

Dr. Tracey Glaessgen, First-Year Programs

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