

LEE HONORS COLLEGE
Peer Student Success Team (PSST) Application

Applications are due by **5:00 p.m.** on **Friday, February 10, 2012**. Please return completed materials to the Lee Honors College reception desk along with a current resume.

NAME: _____ **WIN ID:** _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

WESTERN EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER: _____ **CURRENT CLASS** (circle one): FR SO JR SR

CUMULATIVE GPA: _____ **EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:** _____

MAJOR(S): _____

Some members of the PSST Team will have the opportunity to serve as Fall Welcome leaders and/or teaching assistants for HNRS 1015 courses (the LHC's version of FYE). Would you be interested in learning more about these roles? Check all that apply. Please note that you are NOT committing to anything yet.

- Fall Welcome Leader**
- HNRS 1015 Teaching Assistant**

* On a *separate sheet of paper*, please answer the following questions (one to three paragraphs per question):

1. Why do you want to be involved with the Peer Student Success Team?
2. What do you feel are your greatest strengths and weaknesses when working with others?
3. Please describe a time when you benefited from the guidance of a mentor.
4. What do you think is the most important quality that a mentor could possess?

I have read and understand the responsibilities, requirements, and commitments of being a Peer Student Success Team mentor (attached). I certify that the information herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be conducted the week of February 20th. The interview will last 90 minutes and will consist of group activities and discussions. Below are the time slots available for interviews. Please indicate ALL those that you would be able to attend. You would need to be available for the entire time.

- Monday, February 20: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 21: 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 22: 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 23: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Friday, February 24: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: Have you included the following materials?

- Pages 1 & 2 of application
- Separate sheet with responses to short answer questions from page 1
- Current Resume

After the February 10th deadline, we will send a follow-up email confirming that we have received your completed application. This email will also contain your interview time. Please come to the LHC at your assigned interview time. Following the interviews, we will notify all applicants by Thursday, March 1st of our decision. Good luck, and thank you for your interest!

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Thank you for your interest in becoming part of the Lee Honors College Peer Student Success Team! Please take a few moments to review the following information about the program.

Description: *The Lee Honors College Peer Student Success Team (PSST) is a program designed to provide guidance and mentorship to incoming LHC freshmen. These students are in need of encouragement and advice, and PSST leaders will offer them a support system that will enable them to be successful during their first year at Western.*

Qualifications (applicants must meet all of the following):

- Must be a sophomore, junior, or senior for the 2012-13 Academic year
- Must be a member in good academic standing of the Lee Honors College
- Must be a full-time student at Western Michigan University

Expectations and Time Commitments:

- Attend at least four (4) sessions of summer orientation (held during the month of June 2012)
- Coordinate, facilitate, and attend Fall Welcome Week events (August 30 – September 2, 2012)
- Hold weekly office hours; expected 2 hours per week minimum
- Blog with incoming freshmen between Summer Orientation and Fall Welcome (training involved)
- Coordinate and attend cultural events and/or community service opportunities for mentees
- Attend a bi-weekly Peer Student Success Team meeting
- Meet with prospective honors college students
- Time commitment of fall and spring semesters
- Attend leadership retreat at the Michigan Honors Association conference in October (Friday-Sunday)

Benefits:

- Hourly pay, up to 5 hours per week
- Early move-in (during Fall Welcome Week) if living in on-campus facilities
- Opportunity to attend and present at state and regional honors conferences
- Enhancement of marketable job and life leadership skills

If you have any questions, please contact:

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