



SOS Leader Information and Application

**Deadline to submit application:
Monday, November 9, 2009, at 12:00 noon in 189 Foy Hall**

SOS Mission Statement:

To empower Auburn students with the skills needed to create and maintain their permanent position in the Auburn family by fostering academic and social development through a comprehensive orientation experience.

What is SOS?

SOS (Successfully Orienting Students) is Auburn University's orientation experience for transfer students, returning adult students, freshmen who cannot attend Camp War Eagle, and their parents/guests. The purpose of this student program is to give these students the knowledge to make them a successful and productive member of the Auburn family, to prepare them for registration, and to make them feel welcome and excited. During the day-long session, students will meet with academic advisors, interact with fellow students, and learn about Auburn from current student leaders. Running concurrently to the student program is a program for parents/guests of the new Auburn students. Parents/guests are informed of financial matters, housing needs, meal plans, medical clinic information, and any other aspect of their students' college career in which they play a part. The parent/guest program aims to give parents confidence in their students' choice of Auburn University and to make them feel comfortable with the university as a whole.

Information Session (Optional):

Thursday, October 15, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 2222*

(*This will be a joint information session with Camp War Eagle Freshman & Parent Programs)

Monday, November 2, 2009 at 5:30pm in Student Center Room 2107

Please attend one of these information sessions to find out more information about being a SOS Orientation Leader.

Attendance at one of these sessions is highly encouraged because topics include: general interview etiquette, the SOS interview process, sample questions, and more job-specifics.

Required Qualifications of Orientation Leader Applicants:

- Must have sophomore standing, **or** be a transfer student
- Must have a 2.2 cumulative, ungapped GPA
- Must be in good academic standing with Auburn University
- Must be enrolled as a student at AU for the spring and fall semesters of 2010
** Seniors graduating in May, August or December of 2010, are eligible for consideration. **
- Must be available to work all SOS sessions through January of 2011
- Strong love for and loyalty to AU
- Must be comfortable leading group discussions
- Must possess strong interpersonal skills
- Must have a good sense of humor, balanced by a sense of responsibility
- Must have a desire to achieve excellence

Compensation:

Once an Orientation Leader has completed all training requirements, he/she will be eligible to work the SOS Program. Each Orientation Leader will receive \$75 following each SOS session.

Orientation Leader Responsibilities:

- Serve as a leader and active participant during SOS sessions
- Lead small group discussions involving 10-15 SOS students per session
- Learn and teach AU traditions and student services information
- Attend and participate in all training sessions (see dates below)
- Attend preparation sessions, including SOS packet stuffing, prior to each SOS
- Attend debriefing sessions following each SOS
- Serve as a role model for all students
- Serve as student representatives to parents, as you may also work with the parent/guest program
- Prepare for weekly trainings
- Recruit 2011-2012 Orientation Leaders
- Other duties as assigned

Scheduled Mandatory SOS Dates:

You will be required to be at SOS from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 5, 2010

Friday, March 26, 2010

Friday, April 23, 2010

Friday, May 18, 2010

Thursday, August 12, 2010

November 2010 TBA

January 2011 TBA

Mandatory session preparation will be held the evening prior to each SOS date

*** **All SOS sessions are held on weekdays**, and may require you to miss class. You will be provided with a University excuse for any classes missed. **HOWEVER**, no class excuses will be given for training sessions. You **cannot** have classes scheduled during the training sessions on Tuesday afternoons.***

Timeline:

*All interested, qualified students should complete this application and turn it in to 189 Foy Hall by the deadline of **Monday, November 9, 2009, at 12:00 noon**.* Upon receipt of applications and signing up for an interview, the following schedule will apply:

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| • Sign-up for First Round Group Interviews, 189 Foy Hall | When turning in application |
| • First Round Group Interviews, 189 Foy Hall* | Wednesday, November 11, 2009 |
| • Finalists Posted for Second Interviews, 189 Foy Hall | Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 10 a.m. |
| • Sign-up for Second Interviews, 189 Foy Hall | Thursday, November 12, 2009, by 2 p.m. |
| • Second Round Interviews, 189 Foy Hall* | Mon. – Wed. November 16 - 18, 2009 |
| • Announcements of SOS Orientation Leaders, Cater Hall
(If selected as an Orientation Leader, please be prepared to stay afterwards until approximately 10 p.m.) | Thursday, November 19, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. |

Interview attire for both first and second rounds: Business Casual

*See website auburn.edu/sos for examples of interview attire and for more information on group interviews.

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| Mandatory Training 1: | Tuesday, January 12, 2010, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in 189 Foy Hall |
| Mandatory Training 2: | Tuesday, January 19, 2010, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in 189 Foy Hall |
| Mandatory Training 3: | Tuesday, January 26, 2010, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in 189 Foy Hall |
| Mandatory Training 4: | Tuesday, February 2, 2010, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in 189 Foy Hall |
| Mandatory Training 5: | Tuesday, February 9, 2010, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in 189 Foy Hall |
| Mandatory Training 6: | Tuesday, February 16, 2010, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in 189 Foy Hall |
| Mandatory Training 7: | Tuesday, February 23, 2010, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in 189 Foy Hall |
| Mandatory Training 8: | Tuesday, March 2, 2010, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in 189 Foy Hall |

NOTE: Training dates are MANDATORY. Other training requirements may be added, but would be flexible in timing.

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Please type or print in black ink. Please use the space provided unless stated otherwise.

Full Name _____ Preferred First Name _____
Banner ID # _____ Cum. Ungapped GPA _____ AU Username _____
Major _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____
Local Address _____ Cell Number _____
Permanent Address _____
Have you ever been employed by Auburn? Yes? ___ No? ___ If yes where? _____
First Term/Year at Auburn _____ Classification FR ___ SOPH ___ JR ___ SR ___
Are you a transfer student? Yes? ___ No? ___ If yes, from where? _____

Please respond to the following two questions. Please type your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Write no more than 1/2 page per question. Both answers should total one typed page, not one page per question.

1. Why do you feel it is important for there to be a different Transfer Orientation Program at Auburn in addition to our Freshmen Orientation Program?
2. Describe one experience you have had in the past that has prepared you to be a great SOS Orientation Leader?

Please list related experience which would make you a good Orientation leader (past or present) and current campus and leadership positions, community/campus service activities (Please do not attach a resume)

**** Please turn in five copies of your application and questions (original plus four photocopies) AND one copy of your spring 2010 semester schedule.**

DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009, AT 12:00 NOON IN 189 Foy Hall

**** When turning in your application, you MUST sign up for an interview time.**

By signing this 2010-2011 SOS Leader Application, I am verifying that I have read and fully understand all of the stipulations included. Further, by submitting my name as a candidate for SOS Leader, I agree to accept these stipulations as a part of my possible employment. I can attend all mandatory training meetings and SOS sessions. I also verify the accuracy of my stated grade point average. I realize that failure to complete my responsibilities or inappropriate conduct may result in a warning, probation, or removal from the staff.

Applicant Signature

Date