Freshman Leadership Experience (FLEX) Mentor Application

**Deadline to apply: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 3pm**

The Mentors for the Freshman Leadership Experience (FLEX) serve as a resource for freshman students selected for the FLEX program. The Mentors help individual students explore involvement opportunities at USC Upstate and serve as a resource for these students as they transition into our Upstate community.

There are six (6) Mentor positions available.

**Are you interested in applying to be a FLEX Mentor?**

Please find the qualifications and application below

**Qualifications**

- Full time student at USC Upstate during the 2015-2016 academic year
- Have and maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Successfully completed at least 30 credit hours by August 2015
- Good social and academic standing with the University
- Participate in a mentor retreat May 5 or 6, 2015
- Available for monthly meetings during Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters
- Available for Leadership Advance August 11-13, 2015
- Available for FLEX Teambuilding activities on August 18, 2015
- Available for 2 day FLEXOR retreat October 9-10, 2015
- Desire to serve freshman students
- Ability to speak in front of large groups of people
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills
- Responsible and dedicated
- Desire to achieve excellence
- Team player

**Preferred Qualifications**

- Prior involvement in an organization, volunteer program, University program, or an athletic team where you had to exhibit leadership skills
- Experience planning or organizing events

**Benefits of a FLEX Mentor**

1. Leadership training and experience
2. Opportunity to develop professional and personal relationships with freshmen students
3. Knowledge of campus policies and procedures
4. $150 bookstore voucher, organizational apparel, and priority selection for some Office of Student Life events/programs

Questions? 864-503-5122, stulife@uscupstate.edu
Application Requirements and Timeline

Stage 1: Applications due Wednesday, April 8 at 3pm
   1. Cover page with applicant information (page 3 of attached document)
   2. Short answer responses (page 4 of attached document)
   3. Involvement resume outlining positions held/leadership experiences

*Applications missing any of the three pieces listed above or late applications will not be accepted.

Stage 2: Group Interview Friday, April 10 from 3-5pm

*Priority will be given to applicants who participate in entire timeslot for the group interview.

Week of April 13-17: Applicants notified

Completed applications may be returned to the
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Cover Page

Applicant Information

Full Name (first, middle, last):  

Email Address (USC Upstate only):  

Cell Phone Number:  

Major:  Minor:  

Anticipated Year of Graduation:  

Classification in Fall 2015 (please circle):  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate

By signing below, I give the Office of Student Life full access to my University of South Carolina Upstate academic, enrollment, and Dean of Students records. I understand that this information will be kept confidential and only used for the purposes of FLEX Mentor selection.

I also understand that if selected as a FLEX Mentor, I will be expected to complete all duties of the FLEX Team and abide by the University’s Student Code of Conduct.

Additionally, I understand that if selected for the FLEX Mentor position, I must be available the following dates, May 5 or 6, August 18, and October 9-10, 2015. Failure to attend any of these dates will result in removal of me from the FLEX position and forfeiture of any compensation.

Signature:  

Date:  

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Short Answer Questions

Please answer the following questions completely. Responses must be typed and attached as an additional page(s).

1. What does being a leader mean to you?
2. How has involvement shaped who you are?
3. Why is leadership training important for freshmen?
4. Discuss a person who has inspired you to be a leader.
5. Through your leadership and involvement at USC Upstate, what legacy do you hope to leave? More specifically, how would you want to be remembered by future Spartans?
6. Why are you applying to be a FLEX Mentor?

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