First-Year Connections Team Application 2011

General information
The First-Year Connections Team serves as an extension of the First Year Experience (FYE) program staff. Team members represent the university at FYE events and provide support for the success of all first-year students. First-Year Connections Team members have the opportunity to develop public speaking and event organization skills. On many occasions, team members interact personally with well known speakers.

Roles for First-Year Connections Team members:
• Introduce presenters as part of the First-Year Success Series (FYSS)
• Distribute and collect One-Minute Reflection papers at FYSS events
• Accompany guest speakers to dinner
• Assist with the advertising and implementation of FYE special events
• Assist with the implementation of student welcome programs, such as the President’s Convocation
• Represent Ohio State on student panels
• Provide advice for specific FYE initiatives
• Create programming opportunities for first-year students

First-Year Connections Team members are asked to serve for one calendar year.

Training programs
All First-Year Connections Team members are required to participate in the spring quarter 2011 retreat on Thursday, June 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. as well as a mandatory training session September 18, 2011. Students must also be available to attend weekly meeting on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the 2011–2012 school year.

How to apply
Applications are being accepted from students just completing their first year at Ohio State. Students are selected based on their enthusiasm for Ohio State and their commitment to the success of first-year students. All team members must be in good standing with the university, both academically and judicially. Transfer students, campus-change students, and traditional students may apply. Grade point average will be considered for all applicants. Applications are due Friday, May 6, 2011.

1. Complete this application
   The First-Year Connections Team is a highly-selective group. All applicants must submit a completed application form, an essay question response, and a resume highlighting campus activities and relevant high school activities. Applicants must also submit the interview availability form indicating when they are available for interviews. If granted an interview, applicants will be formally interviewed by the program coordinator.

2. Return application materials to:
   First-Year Connections Team, c/o Marion Meadows
   The Ohio State University
   Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience
   120 Enarson Hall
   154 West 12th Avenue
   Columbus, OH 43210-1390

We will acknowledge the receipt of your application with an e-mail message. The confirmation e-mail will be sent to the e-mail address that you submit with your application. If you do not receive this confirmation within two weeks, please contact our office at (614) 292-2944 or e-mail meadows.68@osu.edu.
Personal information

Name  (Last)  (First)  (Middle)
Preferred name ________________________________
Home address __________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone (___________) ________________________ Ohio State e-mail ________________________________
High school ________________________________ Major ________________________________
First quarter enrolled at Ohio State ________________________________
Housing plans for next year __________________________________

Essay questions

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions. All responses should be typed, double-spaced, and between 250 to 300 words.

1. Please indicate why you would like to be on the First-Year Connections Team. Be sure to include any special skills you have or accolades you have received.

2. What made your first year at Ohio State a memorable experience?

If chosen as a First-Year Connections Team member, I understand I am responsible for fulfilling the following obligations:

1. I will participate in the mandatory spring quarter retreat on June 2, 2011.
2. I will attend a mandatory training session during autumn quarter on September 18, 2011.
3. I will attend weekly meeting on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the 2011–2012 school year
4. I will uphold my citizenship at the university.

Your signature below affirms the completeness and accuracy of the information supplied on this application, and that the responses to the brief essay questions are entirely your own work.

Signature __________________________ Date _____________

Please return your completed application by Friday, May 6, 2011, to:
Marion Meadows
First Year Experience Programs
Enarson Hall, Room 120

Questions? Please contact Marion Meadows at meadows.68@osu.edu or (614) 292-2944.
Interview availability

Name ___________________________________________  Ohio State e-mail _______________________________________

Using what you consider to be a typical week during spring quarter, please indicate times when you WOULD NOT be available for an interview by blocking out the appropriate time squares. Make sure that you take into consideration your classes, work schedule, co-curricular activities, weekly meetings, etc. Be sure to return this form with your completed application.

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