

2010 Hixson Peer Mentor Application

Application Deadline: October 23, 2009

(Please Print)



Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

School Address _____

Home Address _____

Cell Ph. No. (_____) _____ Alternate Ph. No. (_____) _____

Hixson Award Year _____ Classification So Jr Sr Anticipated Graduation Date _____

ID# _____ E-mail _____ College/Major _____

Please attach the following information to Page 1 of this application:

A 2.50 minimum grade point average is required at time of application and in all semesters during peer mentor commitment. Students must have completed at least one semester at Iowa State to be eligible to apply.

1. A current resume that includes prior work experience, Iowa State activities and involvement, leadership positions held, and honors received while at Iowa State University.
2. A 3-5 paragraph essay that briefly describes why you are interested in becoming a Hixson Peer Mentor, how you will benefit, and how you will contribute to the experience.
3. Completed recommendation from a fellow Hixson award recipient (recommendation form available online or from Hixson office).
4. A copy of your unofficial transcript from Access Plus.
5. A copy of your Spring 2010 schedule must be submitted as soon as available and no later than interview date.

**You may schedule an interview upon receipt of your application.
(Interviews will take place on Sunday, November 1st)**

Position Description:

The Peer Mentor position is designed to cultivate the leadership skills of Hixson Scholars in an environment where they can practice the academic and social skills learned at Iowa State University. Peer Mentors are integral to the event planning of the first semester Hixson Program and additionally will develop and implement lesson plans, lead group discussions, and facilitate activities relevant to first-year students. Peer Mentors will serve as role models and will be required to complete an intensive training program during the Spring 2010 and Fall 2010 semesters. Leaders will instruct a recitation section of UST 111 in the Fall 2010 semester.

Responsibilities:

1. Peer Mentors will be responsible for taking a one-credit, 300-level leadership training course during the Spring 2010 (*University Studies 311*) and Fall 2010 (*University Studies 312*) semesters. Leaders may also be required to attend an off-campus weekend or overnight retreat and other weekend training and/or team seminars.
2. Each Peer Mentor will be responsible for co-teaching one recitation section of Hixson Seminar during the Fall 2010 semester. The sections currently meet at the following times: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 pm. Peer Mentors will also attend sections of the large group lecture on Mondays 6:15-7:15 p.m. **Days and times may be subject to change.**
3. Each Peer Mentor will be required to dedicate adequate planning and consultation time with their co-leader and students in the fall semester. A minimum of five (5) hours weekly is recommended.
4. Each Peer Mentor will be required to attend events that are required of first year students (Hixson Retreat, meeting with Ms. Hixson, etc.).

Time Commitment for Peer Mentors (days and times subject to change):

- Peer Mentor reception - Sunday, January 10, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Attendance at *University Studies 311: Leadership Seminar*. Class day and time is TBA. The class meets for 1 hour a week and will take place during the Spring 2010 semester.
- Attendance at *University Studies 312: Leadership Seminar*. Class day and time is TBA. The class meets for 1 hour a week and will take place during the Fall 2010 semester.
- One day retreat on Sunday, January 24, 2010
- One day retreat on Sunday, March 28, 2010
- Peer Mentor Reception, Sunday, April 18, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Intensive Training Retreat, Sunday, August 15, 2010
- Christina Hixson visit (to be announced)
- Hixson Scholar Retreat (to be announced)

These are the commitments required to be a Peer Mentor. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Heath Schechinger at 294-6479 or hschec@iastate.edu.