



2011-2012 AHANA Peer Mentor Application and Information Packet

GENERAL INFORMATION

AHANA Peer Mentors serve as resources for incoming freshmen students who are making the transition from high school to the diverse academic, intellectual and social culture of Cleveland State University. Selection to the AHANA Peer Mentoring family is a unique honor and a rewarding opportunity for personal and professional growth. As such, AHANA Peer Mentors must be enthusiastic, approachable, knowledgeable about University resources and genuinely interested in helping others. They must also show an interest in leadership development and be able to work with others from a wide variety of backgrounds.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend all training (dates/times will be provided)
- Facilitate mentees' adjustment to CSU
 1. Assist in the transition from secondary to post-secondary education
 2. Help mentees become familiar with CSU campus
 3. Answer questions about life at CSU or help connect mentees with resources that might help answer questions
- Provide social and academic assistance to mentees when necessary
 1. Help guide mentees to appropriate resources, opportunities, extra-curricular activities and services on campus
 2. Help guide mentees in developing and achieving academic excellence and realistic expectations
 3. Offer suggestions and assistance when needed
- Serves as a positive peer role model and confidant for mentees
 1. Have a positive and enthusiastic attitude about CSU and the college experience
- Maintain a minimum contact (once a week) with mentees via phone, email or face-to-face interaction
- Work closely and effectively with other peer mentors
 1. Promote interaction among peer mentors and mentees
 2. Participate in and help develop interesting educational and enjoyable opportunities for mentees

- Attend all AHANA events, unless AHANA staff are notified
- Provide regular feedback (via monthly reports) to AHANA staff

QUALIFICATIONS

- Current full-time undergraduate with a minimum cumulative 2.5 G.P.A. & minimum cumulative 30 credits
- Demonstrate leadership skills, experience and potential
- Demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrate a willingness to learn about and contribute to the success of individual students
- Demonstrate a willingness to learn about and contribute to the success of the AHANA Program
- Knowledge of Cleveland State, its programs, and its services
- Ability to work in a team
- Ability to follow through with this commitment throughout the academic year

REFERENCES

Please submit (2) references with your application. References should be completed on the forms provided in this application packet. Reference forms may be completed by a faculty member or advisor that knows you well. Supervisors from volunteer or work-study experience are acceptable. Reference forms may be submitted with your application or by the individuals submitting the reference. All references must be received for your application to be considered complete.

SELECTION

Information Sessions-----Wednesday, March 9th & March 23
 Application Deadline-----Wednesday, April 13th
 Applicant Interviews-----Week of April 18th
 Selection Announcement-----Week of April 25th
 Mandatory Peer Mentor Meeting-----Week of May 2nd
 Mandatory Peer Mentor Retreat-----Saturday, August, 20th

2011-2012 Mandatory Peer Mentor Meeting/Training Sessions

Tuesdays: September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, February 7th, March 6th, April 10th - 12:00 -1:00 pm
 Winter Retreat – Wednesday, January 11, 2012