Alternative Service Experience 2016-2017 International Peer Leader Form

Alternative Service Experience, or ASE, is a community of people who prefer to spend some of their time away from classes exploring a variety of social issues while working shoulder to shoulder with communities across the globe. Whether during winter or spring break, these programs create deeper connections between your classroom work and the communities of the world. In short, ASE participants find enjoyment in learning about new cultures and doing service for others.

Each International ASE program is a Pass/Fail, ONE CREDIT Service-Learning CLASS. Each International ASE course is planned and led by two student leaders called Peer Leaders. The courses consist of the Peer Leaders, student participants, and one faculty member serving as the Learning Partner. In 2015-2016 there were 7 International ASE courses serving such issues as sustainable development, education, poverty, and community outreach in Peru, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Belize.

Flying Domestic programs are NOT for credit, but operate on the same timeline as International programs. In 2015-2016 there were 3 Flying Domestic ASEs serving such issues as HIV/AIDS, poverty, and national park preservation in San Francisco, St. John, and Puerto Rico.

Advantages of being a Peer Leader!

- Engage in experiential learning
- Learn about social justice issues
- Build friendships

Important Dates & Information

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Applications are due by MONDAY, APRIL 4th, 2016.

Interviews will be conducted April 5th-8th, 2016.

The Spring Workshop for selected Peer Leaders will be held on Thursday, May 5th, 2016 beginning at 1:00PM.

The Peer Leadership course occurring during the 2016-2017 academic year will take place bi-weekly on Mondays 7:00-9:00PM, starting September 19th, 2016.

The Fall Workshop for Learning Partners and Peer Leaders will take place on Sunday, August 28th, 2016 from 1:00-5:00PM.

The Peer Leader Retreat will take place September 9th-11th, 2016.


Spring ASE is March 11th-18th, 2017.

Reorientation is Monday, March 27th, 2017.

Peer Leader Responsibilities

Peer Leaders are responsible for all aspects of the program, from start to finish. You must lead a group of your peers, manage program details, and ensure project completion. Peer Leaders are required to attend each of the following: spring workshop, all ASE Peer Leader course sessions in the fall and spring semesters, fall peer leader retreat, fall workshop, 5 individual program classes, and 2 large group meetings. If you cannot commit to these requirements, this is not the program for you.

Some other program responsibilities include:

- Recruiting participants
- Building a rapport with your Learning Partner
- Creating advertisements
- Budget management & other administrative tasks
- Facilitation of pre and post program classes with Learning Partner
- Communication with all program participants about travel info
- Organization and implementation of nightly reflection activities while on program

Selection Criteria

The below criteria will be used to select International/Flying Domestic ASE Peer Leaders:

All International Peer Leader applicants MUST have either been a leader for a previous International or Domestic ASE program OR have been on a previous International ASE program with past leadership experience.

You MUST be a Junior or Senior to lead an iASE program.

In the case of prior ASE Peer Leader experience, feedback from program participants and Learning Partner’s evaluations will be considered.

Note: if you are a previous ASE participant your Peer Leader may be contacted as a reference.

Basic Information
I will attend ALL required meetings, including, but not limited to the spring workshop, Fall Retreat, ASE classes, and Fall Workshop. [Required]
Valid input:
- Select only one choice.

[ ] Yes
[ ] No

Name [Required]

Phone Number [Required]
Valid input:
- must be 10-15 digits long and may include only numbers, hyphens, and spaces.

Email Address [Required]
Valid input:
- name@myschool.edu

Banner ID [Required]
Valid input:
- Numeric - ex: 1111

Year in school [Required]
Valid input:
- Select only one choice.

[ ] Sophomore
[ ] Junior
[ ] Senior
[ ] Super Senior
[ ] Other

Major [Required]

Minor

Cumulative GPA [Required]
Valid input:
- Numeric - ex: 1111

Possible Co-Leader (If you do not have one in mind, leave blank)

Have you been on an International or Flying Domestic ASE Program before? [Required]
Valid input:
- Select only one choice.

[ ] Yes
[ ] No

If yes, which one(s)?

Have you been a Peer Leader for an ASE Program before? [Required]
Valid input:
- Select only one choice.

[ ] Yes
[ ] No

If yes, which one(s)?
Please select the social justice issue which you would like to address and serve through your program [Required]
Valid input:
- Select only one choice.

[  ] Community Development
[  ] Environmental Preservation
[  ] Poverty
[  ] Youth Outreach
[  ] Education
[  ] Other

References

Please provide the name and contact information for two people whom you wish to use as references.

Name [Required]

Phone Number [Required]
Valid input:
- must be 10-15 digits long and may include only numbers, hyphens, and spaces.

Email Address [Required]

Relationship to you: [Required]

Name [Required]

Phone Number [Required]
Valid input:
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Email Address [Required]

Relationship to you: [Required]

Short Answer

Please respond to the following questions. Answers should be informative but direct. Be concise. We recommend drafting the text in Microsoft Word and then pasting in this text box.

Why are you interested in participating in ASE as an International/Flying Domestic Peer Leader? What do you believe makes you well prepared for the task? [Required]

Write about your commitment to community service & list any previous community service experience. If you have limited community service experience, please indicate your interest & how you hope ASE will enable you to explore more active involvement. [Required]
Briefly describe the type of person you are. Include interests, special talents/skills, and personality traits. What would you describe as your most challenging trait and what are you doing to balance this? [Required]

These programs require nightly reflection sessions about the day's experiences. Explain why this is important and how you would go about leading these sessions. [Required]

What is your previous international travel experience and were you responsible for the planning of the program? If so, what role did you play and what were your responsibilities? [Required]

A vital component of this position is managing time. Being a peer leader is a large commitment. What are some of your other commitments and how do you plan to balance leading an ASE program and your other responsibilities? [Required]

What social justice issue(s) are you most passionate about? Why? [Required]

Schedule Interview

There is just one more step we need you to take. Please follow the link below to schedule your interview with us. We look forward to meeting you.

https://calendly.com/mashburnhj/30min

In order for your application to be considered complete, you must sign, in person, a conduct record disclosure agreement. Please stop by the ACT Office at your earliest convenience to do so.

Questions?

If you have questions regarding this position, please contact Heather Jo Mashburn 828.262.2545 or mashburnhj@appstate.edu.