

Freshman Forum Application 2019-2020

Freshman Forum is a weekly, interactive leadership seminar and the only branch of Samford University's Student Government Association that is exclusively for first-year students.

This form will close on Friday, August 30th at 5pm.

For additional information, please contact sga@samford.edu.

Freshman Forum Information

30-40 Freshman Forum members are selected to participate at the beginning of fall semester. Members learn key leadership skills, participate in a mentorship program with their Sophomore Advisors, volunteer in the community, and voice student concerns. Freshman Forum is designed to:

Facilitate personal growth and leadership development of first-year students.
Prepare first-year students for leadership roles in Samford University's Student Government Association and other campus organizations.
Develop relationships within the freshman class through social activities and networking opportunities.
Introduce first-year students to needs in the Birmingham community through intentional service projects and community outreach.
Educate participants about the Samford community and various opportunities for on-campus involvement.
Encourage participants to identify and address needs and issues within the Samford community through legislative action.

Important Dates:

June 1: Freshman Forum applications open
August 30: Freshman Forum applications close
September 4-6: Interviews for Freshman Forum applicants
September 10: Freshman Forum notification of selection
September 14: Freshman Forum retreat
September 17: SGA Kick-Off Dinner
September 24: First Freshman Forum meeting

Weekly Commitments

Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00pm: Freshman Forum Meetings
Mentor Groups Activities (periodically)

Attendance Policy: Members may only have two unexcused absences. This includes all meetings, events, and projects. In the event of an absence, members must notify the Vice President for Development 24 hours prior to the meeting/event. The absence will be considered excused if in accordance to the guidelines below:

Academic reason
Illness
Serious family emergency
Special curricular requirements
Participation in varsity athletic competitions or official University business

Attendance and participation in events sponsored by Freshman Forum and the Freshman Class is expected. Freshman Forum members must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or greater throughout freshman year.

Application

Contact Information [Required]

Please use @samford.edu e-mail address, cell number, and home mailing address.

Valid input:

- must be 10-15 digits long and may include only numbers, hyphens, and spaces.
- name@myschool.edu

First name:
Middle initial:
Last name:
Email address:
Phone number:
Address:
City:
State:
ZIP:

SU ID Number [Required]

Valid input:

- Numeric - ex: 1111

Intended Major [Required]

Why do you want to participate in Freshman Forum this year? [Required]

Please list any areas of leadership from your high school experience. These may include academic organizations, church activities, leadership in service, etc. Please include leadership roles held in parentheses. [Required]

Which of the above said leadership roles was most important to you? Why? [Required]

What are your personal strengths as a leader? [Required]

What is an area of personal improvement as a leader? [Required]

What are the responsibilities of a campus leader? Describe one way in which you were able to fulfill those responsibilities during your high school experience. [Required]

High School GPA [Required]

Please define the word "character" in your own words. Why is character important in a good leader? Please give an example of how you were able to lead with character during your high school experience. [Required]

What are the top 3 goals that you have for your first year at Samford? [Required]

Which Orientation will/did you attend?

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

- Orientation 1
- Orientation 2
- Orientation 3
- Orientation 4
- Orientation 5

If you could be a celebrity for a day, who would you want to be and why? [Required]

How did you hear about Freshman Forum [Required]

Check all that apply

- Cards in the Caf
- E-mail
- Online
- Orientation - Sweet Home Samford fair
- Orientation - Campus Life session
- Orientation Leader
- Posters
- Social Media
- Word of mouth

I am aware that if I am selected, I am required to attend the Freshman Forum all-day Retreat on September 14, 2019. [Required]

- Yes
- No

Please indicate any dietary needs

Upload Resume [Required]