

Harding University Peer Guide Program

Purpose: The purpose of the Peer Guide Program is to assist first year students in making a successful transition to Harding University through intentional interaction and leadership provided by trained peer guides.

Goals

- Create and strengthen a sense of community among first year students
 - Increase use of curricular and co-curricular resources among first year students
 - Provide an additional strategy for identifying and assisting at-risk students
 - Provide leadership development opportunities for upper class students
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Qualifications and Competencies

- **Desires to serve students** in making a successful transition to Harding University
 - **Exhibits a maturing faith in Christ** evident in one's integrity, initiative & attitude
 - Possesses a **belief and involvement that reflects the mission of Harding**
 - **Is a member in good standing of the church of Christ**
 - Demonstrates **interpersonal and small group communication** skills
 - **Minimum of 3.0 GPA on at least 45 hours completed at Harding**
 - **Minimum of one academic year remaining** to degree completion at Harding
 - Unfortunately, students **may not serve as a Peer Guide & Resident Assistant simultaneously**
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Selection Process

- Bible professors nominate upper class students to serve as peer guides
 - Students nominated and invited to submit application to FYE Office
 - Applications reviewed by the FYE and Student Life Offices for verification
 - The FYE office sends an "award" letter to students selected to serve
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Benefits

- Opportunity to be mentored and trained in ministry by COBAM faculty
- Develop and articulate transferrable skills for ministry and service
- Identify personal leadership styles and strengths
- Play a critical role in helping to create Harding's community of mission by developing Christ-like relationships with students, staff, and faculty
- Selection to the Peer Guide Program comes with a stipend of \$950! (\$475 for fall & Spring)

