

Commuter Assistant Position

The Commuter Assistant position is an aspect of the Commuter Connection Program that pairs incoming commuter students with upper-class commuter students who provide support, advice, and guidance during the new students' first year. Along with serving as mentors for first-year commuters, Commuter Assistants (CAs) will aid in Commuter Connection event planning and execution.

Position Requirements:

- Have and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Completed at least one semester of study at BGSU
- Be currently, or have been at one point, a commuter student at BGSU
- Be in good academic and disciplinary standing
- Be passionate about helping first-year students in their transition to BGSU

Roles, Responsibilities, and Expectations:

- Attend applicable training sessions
- Respond to emails in a timely manner
- Begin communication with first-year commuter mentee in the summer prior to their first semester and maintain consistent communication throughout first year
- Serve as a role-model to all first-year commuter students at BGSU
- Individually mentor commuter students with whom you are paired
- Participate in Opening Weekend Commuter Connection program
- Spend at least 1 hour per week in the Commuter Lounge during fall and spring semesters
- Attend CA Team meetings as requested
- Assist with planning or execution of other Commuter Connection events

Benefits to being a CA

- Satisfaction from knowing you helped a fellow student succeed in their first year
- Networking and friendship-building through group interaction
- Leadership and volunteer activities to add to resume
- Improve skills in leadership, mentoring, verbal and written communication, time and project management, collaboration, and team-building
- Advocate for commuters at BGSU through interaction with the Office of the Dean of Students
- Provide input to help improve and further develop Off-Campus Student Services

Interested? Questions?

- Please direct any interest or questions to Andy Alt, Assistant Dean of Students, at awalt@bgsu.edu or 419-372-2843

Commuter Assistant Application

Please complete this application **in its entirety** and submit it to the Office of the Dean of Students in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Suite 301.

Name: _____ BGSU ID #: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Preferred? (Cell / Home)

Gender: _____ Age: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Academic Major(s), Minor(s): _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Are you in good disciplinary standing? (Yes / No)

Are you currently a commuter student: (Y / N) If no, have you ever commuted? (Y / N)

(For the next questions, please feel free to attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary)

Why are you interested in becoming a CA? _____

What are your interests/hobbies? _____

Which of the following are of interest to you? (please check all that apply)

___ Marketing/Advertising ___ Educational Programming ___ Advocacy
 ___ Public Speaking ___ Social Programming ___ Peer Tutoring ___ Research
 ___ Community Service ___ Recruitment/Outreach ___ Writing
 ___ Other (please describe: _____)

I, _____, have read the CA position description and believe that I will be able to satisfy, at minimum, the requirements, roles, responsibilities, and expectations described. Also, I have filled out this application accurately and honestly.

By signing, I authorize OCSS Staff to review my academic and disciplinary standing

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Please submit completed applications to the front desk of BTSU 301)