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 Deb Novak, Assistant Dean of Students, at dnovak@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?
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What are your interests/hobbies?
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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)