

2021 Orientation Leader FAQ's

Application

When can I apply?

Applications open at www.fau.edu/about/become-an-orientation-leader on September 25! Applications close on November 9 at 8 A.M.

Where can I learn more information?

We have information sessions that will take place on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, Sept. 29, Zoom at 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 5 Zoom at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 20 Zoom at 8:30 a.m.
- Friday, Nov. 6 Zoom at 5:30 p.m.

We will be covering what the position entails and have our current Orientation Leaders available to answer any questions you may have!

What qualifications do I need to meet in order to apply?

Orientation Leaders are expected to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and a semester GPA of 2.5. You also need to be taking at least 12 credit hours and be in good standing with conduct. Other than that, just have a ton of FAU spirit! You can apply even if this is your first semester at FAU.

I received a nomination from an Orientation Leader, does that mean I have a better chance of getting the job?

No, but it does mean someone has recognized your potential to be a great Orientation Leader, and that you should definitely apply!

Orientation Leader Expectations

Is this not just a summer job?

Orientation Leaders are employed from January to January (one full year)! In this case, January 2021 to January 2022. The year begins with Spring Training which will take place once a week, alongside a special LDR 2010: Introduction to Leadership course exclusive to Orientation Leaders that will also take place once a week. Once May rolls around, Intensive Training will take place on a daily basis after you move in for the summer to get you fully prepared for SOAR! Following the summer, you will undergo lighter responsibilities related to recruiting the 2022 Orientation Leaders, as well as a few orientations welcoming the spring-start students!

What does Spring Training look like?

You'll be introduced to your fellow teammates on the first day and from there, you will go on a journey of discovering your leadership style alongside each other. Each week, a different topic will be covered regarding the role of Orientation Leaders, ranging from customer service to crisis management.

What does Intensive Training look like?

Intensive Training encompasses a majority of the specific need-to-know information that Orientation Leaders require while on the job. Here is where you will learn the latest and most pertinent items that each department on campus would like you to spread to your students. The team will also undergo many team-building activities to further solidify our goals and bonds.

What are some important dates to keep in mind?

Weekly training and LDR 2010: Introduction to Leadership will take place in the spring. We will discuss more about what this looks like during our information sessions.

Training and LDR are required. Be sure to look out for any potential conflicts for the year when applying.

Can I take summer classes?

No. Due to the time commitment of SOAR sessions in the summer, we do not allow Orientation Leaders to take summer courses.

If you are a Wilkes Honors College student, please contact your supervisor.

Can I have another job while I am an Orientation Leader?

Over the spring and fall, that's perfectly fine! However, for summer, we require that you work only this job as your primary focus will shift to Intensive Training and the actual orientation sessions, and we want you to prioritize taking care of yourself on your days off in between sessions.

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Do I have to live on-campus over summer?

Yes, your room will be provided for you as a part of your contract. We only require that you stay in your room during training, the day before a first-year orientation, and the nights of orientation. But of course, we recommend staying throughout the summer and making the most of your

time off with your on-campus family! (2021 Update: TBD based on CDC guidelines).