

# Hixson Peer Mentor Application

**Application Deadline: October 26, 2016**

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Ph. No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Ph. No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Hixson Award Year \_\_\_\_\_ Classification So Jr Sr Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

ID# \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ College/Major \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach the following information to Page 1 of this application:**

**A 2.50 minimum grade point average is required at time of application and in all semesters during peer mentor commitment.**

1. A current resume that includes prior work experience, Iowa State activities and involvement, leadership positions held, and honors received while at Iowa State University.
2. A 3-5 paragraph essay that briefly describes why you are interested in becoming a Hixson Peer Mentor, how you will benefit, and how you will contribute to the experience.
3. Completed recommendation from a fellow Hixson Award recipient (recommendation form available online <http://www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/leaders> or from Hixson office).
4. A copy of your unofficial transcript from Access Plus.
5. A copy of your Spring 2016 schedule must be submitted as soon as available, preferably by the date of your interview.

**You may schedule an interview upon receipt of your application.  
(Interviews will tentatively take place on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>)**

**Position Description:**

The Peer Mentor position is designed to cultivate the leadership skills of Hixson Scholars in an environment where they can practice the academic and social skills learned at Iowa State University. Peer Mentors are integral to the Hixson Program and additionally will develop and implement lesson plans, lead group discussions, and facilitate activities relevant to first-year students. Peer Mentors will serve as role models and will be required to complete an intensive training program during the Spring 2017 and Fall 2017 semesters. Peer mentors will lead a recitation section of UST 101A in the Fall 2017 semester.

**Responsibilities:**

1. Peer Mentors will be responsible for completing two 1-credit, 300-level leadership courses; Spring 2017 (*University Studies 311*) and Fall 2017 (*University Studies 312*) semesters. Leaders will also be required to attend an off-campus weekend or overnight retreat and other weekend training and/or team seminars.
2. Each Peer Mentor will be responsible for co-facilitating one recitation section of UST 101A: Hixson Seminar during the Fall 2017 semester. The sections currently meet at the following times: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Peer Mentors will also attend sections of the large group lecture on Tuesdays, 4:10-5:00p.m. **Days and times may be subject to change.**
3. Each Peer Mentor will be required to dedicate adequate planning and consultation time with their co-leader and students in the Fall 2017 semester. A minimum of five (5) hours weekly is recommended.
4. Each Peer Mentor will be required to attend events that are required of first year students (Hixson Retreat, reception with Ms. Hixson, etc.).
5. Each Peer Mentor is required to possess a valid drivers license and complete 15-passenger van driver training during the Spring 2017 semester.
6. Each peer mentor must exhibit professional attire, manners, and etiquette; and practice good hygiene.

**Time Commitment for Peer Mentors (days and times subject to change):**

- Peer Mentor Meet and Greet on Sunday, January 8, 2017
- Attendance at *University Studies 311: Leadership Seminar*. Class day and time is TBA. The class meets for 1 hour a week and will take place during the Spring 2017 semester.
- One day retreat on Sunday, February 5, 2017
- One day retreat on Sunday, March 5, 2017
- Peer Mentor Reception on Sunday, April 16, 2017
- Learning Communities peer mentor training, August 2016. Usually this is held the Monday and Tuesday prior to fall classes.
- Attendance at *University Studies 312: Leadership Seminar*. Class day and time is TBA. The class meets for 1 hour a week and will take place during the Fall 2017 semester.
- Hixson Scholar Retreat – date and time TBA
- Christina Hixson visit (tentative) – date and time TBA

These are the commitments required to be a Peer Mentor. If you have questions, please contact Allison Severson, [allisons@iastate.edu](mailto:allisons@iastate.edu), 515.294.6479.