

# A Snapshot of Lion Ambassadors

## Mission

Lion Ambassadors communicate Penn State's history and personality, strengthen University traditions, and instill Penn State pride in current and future students, alumni, and friends. We strive to foster the idea that involvement with Penn State is a lifelong commitment.

## Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

The Penn State Alumni Association is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive membership, one where all identities, experiences, and backgrounds come together to create a strong and welcoming alumni community representative of the Penn Staters it proudly serves.

## Qualifications

- Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Must be in at least your 3<sup>rd</sup> semester and a full-time student to apply
- Must be on campus at University Park for the Spring 2024 semester
- Able to commit at least 3 semesters to the organization

Interested candidates should demonstrate qualities of direct communication, intentional leadership, critical thinking, time management, integrity, and community and campus involvement. Candidates should also value diversity, equity, and inclusion while exhibiting a growth mindset.

## First Semester Education Requirements

- Estimated time spent each week: Between 5-7 hours required per week
- Participate in New Member Welcome Event (Week of 1/14/24)
- Attend 6 weeks of New Member Education sessions on the following topics:
  - Week of 1/21/24: Introduction to Lion Ambassadors
  - Week of 1/28/24: Professional Development
  - Week of 2/4/24: Touring
  - Week of 2/11/24: Projects & Event Planning
  - Week of 2/18/24: Serving as an Ambassador
  - Week of 2/25/24: Exam & Conclusion
    - All New Members are required to complete and pass an assessment at the conclusion of New Member Education.
  - Mid-March: New Member Reception
- The dates above are tentative and subject to change. Please contact [president@lionambassadors.com](mailto:president@lionambassadors.com) with any concerns regarding attendance
- Members will assume the full responsibilities of a Lion Ambassador as detailed below following the conclusion of New Member Education

## Responsibilities

- Estimated time spent each week: Minimum of 4 hours per week
- Attend general body and project planning meetings once per week
- Volunteer at Lion Ambassador projects throughout the year
- Lead a minimum of 2 private tours per semester
- Give private tours and attend special events hosted by the Penn State Alumni Association
- Complete semesterly initiatives focused on service, DEIB, and professional development
- Abide by Penn State's Student Code of Conduct and the Lion Ambassadors' Standards of Excellence

## Benefits

- Professional and personal development opportunities
- Direct connection to the Penn State Alumni Association and its vast network of over 700k living alumni and over 174k Penn State Alumni Association members
- Access to exclusive University events, including the President's Tailgate, Alumni Fellows Awards, Old Main Bell Tower Tours, and more!
- Opportunities for variant levels of leadership experience upon New Member Education completion
- Build life-long connections with a diverse group of student leaders
- Social connections and activities
- Heightened knowledge of Penn State University and its rich history
- Increased connection to the Penn State and State College community
- Lion Ambassadors apparel provided by the Penn State Alumni Association
  - Lion Ambassadors apparel includes all gear that is needed to complete the duties of a Lion Ambassador, which includes a waterproof jacket, suit, and project attire
  - There will be a one-time gear fee of \$80-\$100. Financial support is available on a per-need basis.

## Application Process

There are 2 steps to the application process: written application and in-person interview.

- Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM: Deadline for written applications.
- Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>: Applicants notified about their application status.
- Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>: Applicants who receive an interview will participate in 2 in-person, 15-minute interviews during the first week of the Spring 2024 semester.