Gustavus Ambassadors
Application
About the Gustavus Ambassadors

Mission Statement:
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Examples of Past Events:
- Homecoming and Class Reunions
- Nobel Conference hosting
- Royal Affair (A biannual fundraiser for the Gustavus Library Association)
- Christmas in Christ Chapel (Ushering and President’s Dinner hosting)
- The Gustavus Fund Christmas Reception at the Swedish Institute in Minneapolis
- Heritage Partnership Luncheon

Benefits of Membership:
- Valuable professional development and networking opportunities
- Greater contact with alumni, administrators, prospective students, parents, and friends of the college
- Insight into the administrative side of the college

Member Requirements:
- Attendance at group meetings 1-2 times per month
- Availability on both weekdays and weekends to assist with Ambassador functions
- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (Verifiable by Registrar)

Application Process:
- Submit completed application and two recommendation forms (at least one of which must be from a Gustavus faculty, staff, or administrator) to Kristine Straumann in Institutional Advancement (lower level of the Carlson Administration Building) by 4:00 PM on Friday, March 26, 2010.
- Attend a “Meet the Ambassadors” social on Sunday, April 18th. Dress is business casual.
- Interview with two current Ambassadors and/or the advisor at the end of April.
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Name ______________________________________ E-mail ____________________________

Major/Minor ___________________________________________________________________

Class status for next fall _______________________ _____ Cumulative GPA ________________

Do you plan to be off campus for an internship or study abroad next year? If so, please state when and where.
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Please provide a list of your current activities. Include campus involvement, community service, employment, honors/awards, and leadership positions. Please attach additional sheets if necessary.

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On a separate sheet, please submit:

1. A written statement focusing on your reasons for seeking membership and the personal qualities that would make you an asset to the Gustavus Ambassadors (300-500 words).

2. Of the activities you provided above, please describe your role in the experience, emphasizing what you contributed and what you gained (100-200 words).

3. Two recommendations (forms enclosed). At least one recommendation must be from a Gustavus faculty, staff, or administrator. Recommendations are not to be completed by a current Ambassador.

Names and e-mail addresses of persons providing recommendations:

Name: ________________________________________ E-mail: _______________________

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Please evaluate this student, taking into consideration the mission statement and goals of the Gustavus Ambassadors. Upon completion of this form, please return it directly to Kristine Straumann in Institutional Advancement. All application materials are due on Friday, March 26th, 2010.

Applicant name: __________________________ Relationship to Reference: __________________
Reference name: _________________________ Reference e-mail: ________________________

1. How well and in what capacity do you know the applicant?
2. The Gustavus Ambassadors is a group of students who exemplify loyalty and service to Gustavus Adolphus College. Please describe the qualities of the applicant that would contribute to this aspect of the organization.

3. Ambassadors often interact with a wide range of people such as alumni, prospective students, parents, and friends of the college. Please comment on the applicant’s interpersonal skills and ability to adapt to a variety of situations.

4. Please comment on the applicant’s ability to manage time wisely, balance activities, and follow through with commitments.

5. Other comments:

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