

Towson University New Student and Family Programs Orientation Leader Application FAQs

Who are Orientation Leaders?

OLs are the students who drive the orientation process for almost 5,000 students and over 3,000 family members each summer. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- *Represent and model all the positive qualities of a TU student*
- *Assist in the welcoming and transitioning of our incoming students to Towson University*
- *Lead sessions on particular topics important to new TU students*
- *Serve as a positive resource for students and family members who may have questions*
- *Familiarize new students with campus services and building locations*
- *Foster an environment that helps new students develop an identity as TU community members*
- *Encourage student involvement as members of the TU campus community*

What are the available positions?

New Student and Family Programs will be accepting applications for *Orientation Leaders*. Any student can apply to be an OL, including past members of the Freshman Transition Program (FTP) and students who transferred to Towson University from a 2-year or 4-year school.

New Student and Family Programs strongly encourages student leaders who have experience working with transfer students, U.S. Veterans, students with mental and/or physical disabilities, first generation college students and those who are fluent in a foreign language (Spanish preferred) to apply.

Why should I apply to be an Orientation Leader with New Student and Family Programs?

If you are selected as an OL, you will receive the following benefits in addition to getting paid:

- *Increased leadership and communication skills*
- *Opportunity to lead training seminars for your peers*
- *Interaction with a wide variety of faculty, staff, and other important TU people*
- *Ability to welcome new students to a supportive and thriving campus environment*
- *Chance to use your skills and make NSFP programming much better!*

What is the time commitment of an Orientation Leader?

New Student and Family Programs is still finalizing the schedule for Summer 2022, but estimates an average of 30 hours/week in June and July. Sessions will primarily be held in person, with select dates requiring Orientation Leaders to run virtual sessions.

Mandatory training sessions will be scheduled for Spring 2022, in addition to a more intensive training session in early June 2022. These training sessions are paid.

What are the pay and requirements of serving as an Orientation Leader?

Orientation Leaders must meet the following requirements:

- *Be willing to engage with different constituencies depending on the program, including families, campus staff, faculty, academic advisers, and other student staff in person, virtually, or both*
- *Must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA by the end of the Spring 2022 semester and be in good standing with the Office of Student Conduct and Civility Education*
- *Must be a full-time enrolled undergraduate student at Towson University during the Spring 2022 and Fall 2022 semesters*
- *Must live in a Towson University residence hall (on-campus housing provided for free for OLs) or live in the Towson area during Summer 2022*
- *OLs who want to take summer courses must take online/distance learning where they do not have to be in a classroom and have pre-approval from the Office of New Student and Family Programs*
- *Orientation Leaders meeting those requirements earn a wage of \$12.50/hour*

Sounds good! How can I apply to be an Orientation Leader?

Applying is very easy! Visit [TU Handshake](#) to apply. Make sure you click on “Apply Externally” to be taken to the job application form from there.

What else do I need to submit with the application?

You will be asked to upload a resume at the time of application. If you are unsure on how to complete a résumé, visit the Career Center (in 7800 York Road) or at <http://www.towson.edu/careercenter/students/skills/resume.asp> to learn more.

The application asks for my top 5 strengths. What if I haven’t completed a Clifton Strengths survey yet?

No worries! Before you submit your application, go to <http://towson.gallup.com> and take the Clifton Strengths survey. It takes between 30-45 minutes to complete. Once you have your top 5 strengths, complete the application.

Do I need recommendation letters or a transcript?

You will need a previous teacher, employer, advisor, coach, etc. to fill out a reference form. You do not need to submit a transcript, but will give NSFP permission to view your transcript for a grade check.

So, once I apply, what are the next steps?

Once you submit your application, the next step is the interview. Candidates who apply will be invited to an individual interview.