

# Wabash Valley College 2023-2024 Student Ambassador Application Due April 21, 2023

## **Purpose**

Wabash Valley College Student Ambassadors are trained student leaders who are responsible for promoting unity and engagement among the WVC student body; recruiting prospective students; and promoting district- and campus-wide events, activities, and programs. Student Ambassadors act as valuable sources of information and liaisons between students, staff, and faculty. This program, which brings together students from various academic disciplines, serves to enrich and enhance leadership and communication skills, personal growth, and professional development while creating long-lasting connections to Wabash Valley College.

## Benefits of Becoming a Student Ambassador

- Unparalleled experience in public relations (meeting people, public speaking, representing the college) which develops the skills and confidence vital to success in job interviews and career advancement.
- Opportunity to work with and learn from Wabash Valley College staff.
- Broaden contacts among faculty, staff, students, and administration, and build an assortment of references upon graduation.
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills and a professional resume.
- Receive a tuition wavier to cover 16 credit hours of both semesters (32 hours) while working as a WVC Student Ambassador.

#### **Student Ambassador Responsibilities**

The Wabash Valley College Ambassadors represent WVC, both on and off campus. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Develop an extensive knowledge of Wabash Valley College.
- Participate in opportunities and encourage students to be actively involved on campus.
- Connect with students who have specific questions about our campus community.
- Attend regular meetings and training workshops.
- Participate in new student orientation and first-year experience activities.
- Provide campus tours to prospective students and their families.
- Assist with a variety of office-related tasks.
- Advance the ideals of higher education through community outreach and service efforts.

#### Criteria for Selection

Skills required:

- Demonstrate a sincere desire to represent Wabash Valley College.
- Exhibit effective communication (written and oral) and interpersonal skills.
- Exhibit leadership, initiative, dependability, discipline, flexibility, enthusiasm, passion, and the ability to work well with others.

#### Additional requirements:

- Must be enrolled in at least 12 WVC credit hours during the Fall and Spring terms.
- Must have completed the FAFSA.
- Must maintain a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0.
- Must be willing and available to attend the required amount of WVC events and activities.
- Must be willing to undergo to a background check and drug screening.

#### **Selection Process**

All students that encompass the aforementioned skills and meet the above criteria for selection are welcome to apply to become a Student Ambassador.

The selection process will consist of two components:

- 1. A typed and completed application.
- 2. A one-on-one interview with the selection committee.

The selection committee will determine which candidates will receive interviews after carefully considering the applications submitted.

#### **Academic Success**

Grades are just a factor in the selection of Student Ambassadors. The selection committee will review each application in its entirety; meaning academic accomplishments will be considered along with applicants' responses to written and interview questions. Students must possess a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 for consideration. Additionally, it is imperative that Student Ambassadors remember that they are students first. If a student fails to maintain the 3.0 G.P.A., the student will be terminated as an ambassador and lose his/her scholarship.

#### **Course Load**

Students must be enrolled in at least 12 WVC credit hours per term (Fall and Spring).

## **Leadership and Communication**

Student Ambassadors are expected to be engaged and active on campus. The written and interview processes are designed to assess each candidate's leadership and interpersonal communication abilities. Student Ambassadors will represent WVC, on and off campus; therefore, each student should have the capacity to effectively communicate and lead others.

Wabash Valley College will provide leadership and communication training before assuming duties as a Student Ambassador.

#### **Ethical Standards**

Student Ambassadors represent the WVC student body. They are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty and responsible behavior required by WVC. Students are expected to always adhere to the IECC code of conduct. If a student fails to adhere to the code of conduct, appropriate actions will be taken in accordance with the standards of conduct expressed in the IECC catalog. This could potentially result in termination from your role as a Student Ambassador and the student will be responsible for the full tuition payment,

#### **Dress Code**

As a Student Ambassador for Wabash Valley College, you will receive appropriate WVC attire to wear while attending campus and community events. You are expected to dress appropriately for each event.

## **Attendance Policy**

Each academic year, each Student Ambassador is expected to attend most of all recruiting events, unless the event requires service in shifts or the event conflicts with your course schedule. Students are expected to communicate expected absences at least 7 days prior to the event. Expected absences are defined as doctor's appointments, travel plans, conflicting academic engagements, or any other occurrences that the Student Ambassador is aware of in advance. Student Ambassadors are expected to communicate unexpected absences as soon as they occur; up to 2 hours prior to the start of an event. Unexpected absences are defined as sudden illness, transportation issues, or other emergency situations that one would not have advance notice of. Excessive absences, especially without proper notification, may result in suspension or removal as a Student Ambassador will be responsible for the full tuition charged.

Applicants for the Student Ambassador program will only be considered if they can meet time commitments required of this position. A tentative event calendar will be distributed at the initial training workshop. Events may change at any time. The initial training workshop will be offered at a time that works into the schedule of the future Ambassadors. Also, additional obligations may arise, but due notice will be given in order to assure you have adequate time to work such events into your schedule.

Student Ambassadors will serve one year, which will consist of the Fall and Spring terms of the upcoming academic year. <u>Students will be required to work a minimum of 112 hours throughout the semester, which is approximately 7 hours per week on campus or at events.</u>

## Instructions for Application:

Please type and return your completed application to The Wabash Valley College Student Services office, or email Dane Inman at <a href="mailto:inmand@iecc.edu">inmand@iecc.edu</a>, by **April 21<sup>th</sup>**, **2023**.

# To apply, please complete and submit the following:

- 1. Completed application form. (Pages 5-7)
- Completed typed responses to Student Ambassador Questionnaire. (Page 8)
- 3. Three recommendation forms completed by your three references. (Pages 9-10)



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APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION			
Name:			
Student ID # (Current Students Only)	: Cell phone:	Email:	
Current address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Emergency Contact (Provide r	name & contact #):		
	ACADEMIC INFORMATION		
Major:		Current G.P.A.:	
Credit Hours Enrolled for Fall:			
How did you learn about the Student Ambassador opportunity?  □ WVC Facebook □ IECC Website □ Advisor □ Campus News □ Friend □ Bulletin Board □ Student Services □ Other:			
Please grade yourself in the fo	•		
Attitude Public Speaking Communication Skills	Col	itten) Interpersonal mmunication e Management	

Prior Work or Volunteer Experience.	erience: Please begin with your mo	st recent
Employer or Organization:		
Dates of Employment:to	Your Title:	
Description of your duties:		
Reason for Leaving:		
Employer or Organization:		
Dates of Employment:	Title:	
Description of your duties:		
Employer or Organization:		-
Dates of Employment:	Title:	
Description of your duties:		
Reason for Leaving:		

Please list your involvement in Examples: clubs, organization recent items first.		
Organization/Activity	Position	Dates
Examples: full or part-time joi list:  Please list at least three (3) re	ferences that are not relate	d to you.
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Applicant's Signature	 Date	



# Wabash Valley College 2023-2024 Student Ambassador Questionnaire

Important to note! All questions must be answered and typed on a separate sheet of paper to complete the Student Ambassador application process, or your application will not be considered.

# Please answer the following questions and attach to your application before submitting:

- 1. Why are you interested in being a Student Ambassador?
- 2. What do you hope to contribute to the program?
- 3. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
- 4. What skills or experience do you have in relation to this position?
- 5. Why did you choose to attend WVC?
- 6. What are your educational or career goals in the next 2-5 years?

Do you have access to transportation?	☐ Yes	□ No	



# Wabash Valley College 2023-2024 Student Ambassador Recommendation Form

Directions: Please ask an individual to complete a recommendation form on your behalf.		
Reference Name:		
Email:	Phone:	
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Please answer the following questions: (Feel free hem on the back.)	e to type your responses and/or write	
How long have you known the appli- interact with him/her?	cant and in what manner did you	
<ol><li>Describe your experiences with the of</li></ol>	candidate:	

3. Please rate the applicant on the following:

Attribute	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Determine
Punctuality/ Responsibility					
Teamwork					
Attitude					
Honesty/Integrity					
Leadership					
Respect					
Communication Skills					
Enthusiasm					
Knowledge of WVC					

4. Student Ambassadors are often the first contact that prospective students, families, and other community members encounter. Can this candidate successfully represent WVC? Why or why not?

5. Please share additional comments about the applicant's strengths and/or areas requiring development/improvement regarding the Ambassador position: