

2011 – 2012 SOUTHERNER APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

Important Dates:

Wednesday, March 23 – Recommendation Form Due
Friday, March 25, 5:00 p.m. – Application Due
Monday, March 28, Call for Interview Time - 460-7084
Wednesday, March 30 & Thursday, March 31 – Interviews

The Southerners, a sixteen member student group sponsored by the National Alumni Association, serve as the official ambassadors for the University. They work closely with alumni, University and community groups to promote the institution. Special emphasis is placed on alumni, fund raising, legislative affairs, and community activities.

If you are interested in serving as a Southerner, please complete an application and return it to the Office of Alumni Relations no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, March 25**. All applicants should contact the Alumni Relations Office, 460-7084, on **Monday, March 28** to schedule a 10-minute interview time for **Wednesday, March 30 or Thursday, March 31**, between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. It is the applicant's responsibility to make an interview time appointment. In order to be considered, you must be able to attend an interview on one of these days.

All applicants are encouraged to visit with current Southerners at the **open house on Wednesday, March 9, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.**, at Alumni Hall. The Southerners will be happy to answer any questions you may have about guidelines, duties and the application procedure and take a photo for your application if you need one.

The recommendation form to be completed by a USA faculty or staff member must also be received in the Office of Alumni Relations no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 23**. Please stress the deadline date when you request a reference.

Print your name on the back of your photograph, and attach it to the application.

Criteria for Selection

Students selected:

- ◆ Must have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 at the time of application, attending as full-time student during academic year 2011-2012.
- ◆ Must have class, work, extracurricular and social schedule that permits accomplishment of Southerner commitments.
- ◆ Must be able to attend weekly mandatory meetings on Mondays at 5:15 p.m.
- ◆ Should not be scheduled to complete academic requirements before the end of Spring Semester 2012.
- ◆ Must possess a positive desire to work for and promote the University.
- ◆ Must show exceptional leadership and communication skills, and
- ◆ Must have a positive outlook and be self-motivated.

Members are chosen on the basis of the application, the reference, a personal interview with a committee of USA alumni and faculty, overall academic achievements and campus involvement.

SOUTHERNER APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION FORM

Deadline Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Applicant's Name _____

Name of Reference _____ Title/Position _____

Address/Phone _____

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Instruction to faculty/staff reference person: The above student is applying to become a Southerner and has given your name as one who can speak of him/her. Please respond to as many of the above-mentioned qualities as possible. The reference will be held in strict confidence, so please give us your honest opinion. Call Lisa Kavanagh at (251) 460-7084 if you have questions.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

Comments: (Attach additional page if necessary or recommendation may be typed on separate sheet and attached to this form)

Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail to: *Southerner Selection Committee* Or fax to: (251) 460-6558
Alumni Hall
University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL 36688

Name _____

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6. Describe your short- and long-range goals, both personal and career.

7. Were you aware of the Southerner program before you received this application? If yes, how did you know about the group?

REMINDER: DID YOU REQUEST A RECOMMENDATION AND ATTACH A PHOTO?

Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 25, 5 p.m./postmarked no later than Thursday, March 24.

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT DURING THE OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE SOUTHERNERS AT ALUMNI HALL ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 4:00-5:15 P.M. CURRENT SOUTHERNERS AND A SPONSOR WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT GUIDELINES, DUTIES AND THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

Return to: Office of Alumni Relations
Alumni Hall
University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL 36688

For info call: (251) 460-7084

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Application Rec'd _____

Reference Rec'd _____

Verified Cumulative GPA _____

Interview Day/Time _____