

2017 – 2018 SOUTHERNER APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

Important Dates:

Thursday, February 23, 5:00 p.m. – Applications Due
Monday, February 27 - Call for Group Interview Time
Wed. – Fri., March 1-3 – Group Interviews
Saturday, March 4 – Call for Final Interviews
Monday, March 6 – Final Interview

The Southerners, a twenty 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, along with your letter of recommendation and photo, to the Office of Alumni Relations no later than 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 23, 2017. If selected for a group interview, you will be contacted **Monday, February 27, 2017** to confirm a 30-minute group interview time for **Wed., Thurs, or Fri. March 1-3, 2017.** To be considered, you *must* be able to attend the interview. Those who are selected for the final interview will be notified **Saturday, March 4, 2017** by email to schedule an interview time for **Monday, March 6, 2017.**

All applicants are encouraged to visit with current Southerners at the **open house Monday, February 6th, 5:30 – 6:30 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.

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

Criteria for Selection

- ◆ Must have been enrolled as a full-time student at the University of South Alabama for a minimum of one (1) semester.
- ◆ Must have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the time of application, attending as full-time student during academic year 2017-2018.
- ◆ 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 5:00 p.m.**
- ◆ Should not have an anticipated graduation date soon than May 2018
- ◆ 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.

APPLICATION PACKETS ARE DUE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017 AND MUST INCLUDE:

- **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS**
- **COPY OF UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**
- **COMPLETED LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**
- **PHOTO WITH YOUR NAME WRITTEN ON THE BACK**

Deadline Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017; 5:00PM at Alumni Hall

Name _____ Name Preferred _____ J # _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Campus Mailing Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Year in School _____ Degree _____ Major _____ Anticipated Grad. Date _____

Please answer the following: (You may download and complete the application or you may attach answers/responses on separate sheets, but please make sure to correctly number your responses and attach to this application.)

1. List the most important organizations or activities that you were involved in while attending high school.
2. List activities you have been involved in at USA and in the community with the emphasis on leadership.
3. Work experience (include summer, part-time and volunteer).
4. Do you plan to work during the 2017-2018 academic year? (If so, give employer's name, phone, and number of hours you will work.)
5. List your leisure interest.

Name _____

J # _____

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 _____

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YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT DURING THE OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE SOUTHERNERS AT ALUMNI HALL Monday, February 6, 5:30-6:30 P.M. CURRENT SOUTHERNERS AND ADVISOR 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
5930 USA Drive South
University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL 36688

For info call Ailey Shirazi: (251) 460-7084

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Application Rec'd _____

Reference Rec'd _____

Verified Cumulative GPA _____

Interview Day/Time _____