

Ag Ambassador Application
DUE DATE: Friday, March 22, 5:00 p.m.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

The Department of Agricultural Sciences is seeking qualified applicants to be selected as Ag Ambassadors. Required qualifications include, but are not limited to: Major or Minor within the department; GPA of 2.50 or higher; a minimum of one (1) semester completed at SHSU; must not graduate before May 2020.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must not graduate before May 2020
- Attend monthly scheduled meetings
- Maintain a minimum overall 2.50 GPA
- Attend at least four (4) Ambassador functions per semester (excluding meetings and department events)
- Be responsible for organizing at least two (2) Ambassador visits to a high school, career fair, FFA or 4-H Meeting, etc., per semester (*must be able and willing to travel OUTSIDE the Huntsville area*)
- Attend Saturday@Sam in the Fall and Spring semesters
- Personal qualifications include: excellent communication skills; positive and energetic attitude; professional image (in person and on Facebook, Twitter, etc.); willingness to work hard; willing to be flexible with schedule; high personal standards and character; fondness for the Department and the University

NOTE: There may be additions, corrections, and/or deletions to these requirements as deemed necessary by the faculty advisor (Dr. Pavelock), graduate assistant to the Ambassadors, and/or the Ambassador team.

Please fill out the information sheet on the reverse side and turn it in with all other required documents by Friday, March 22, 5:00 p.m. to PIRK 400 (request it be placed in Dr. Pavelock's mailbox).

Interviews will be chosen on quality of application and references. Interviews and mock presentations shall be held April 1-5. If selected for an interview you will receive notification via telephone by an Ambassador to schedule an interview and mock presentation.

If selected as an Ambassador, you will be notified within one (1) week after your interview. Please review all the attached documents and expectations carefully. If you have questions or concerns please contact Dr. Dwayne Pavelock, agr_dxp@shsu.edu, 936-294-1186.

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Please type or print neatly!

Name: _____ SAM ID: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Classification: _____ Current GPA: _____

Anticipated Graduation Semester and Year: _____

Employer: _____

Hours worked per week: _____

Flexibility of Work Schedule: High _____ Moderate _____ Low _____

Application should include the following documentation:

1. 500 words or less typed responses to the following questions: "What are the most important criteria to consider when recruiting high school students? How would you be an asset to the Ambassador team?"
2. Résumé
3. List of three (3) references (university/high school faculty/employers) who would be willing to comment on your public speaking and communication skills (provide name, e-mail address, and phone number for each)
4. List of class and work schedule for April 1-5, 2019.

Be prepared for the following during your interview:

- A maximum 3-minute recruiting introduction or ice breaker that could be used when visiting a high school class
- Answer situational and real-life scenarios
- Conduct a 5-minute mock recruiting presentation using a PowerPoint that you create. The presentation should be about the entire department (majors, clubs & teams, facilities, etc.).
- Dress professionally
- Take notes; answer and ask questions

SHSU Ag Ambassadors will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Quality of application
- Mock presentation scores
- Interview scores
- Public speaking and communication skills
- Academic performance

Ag Ambassadors Policies and Procedures

As an Ag Ambassador for the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Sam Houston State University, you will be REQUIRED to uphold the following standards:

1. Attend ALL scheduled meetings.
 - ★ After more than two (2) UNEXCUSED absences in an academic year, you will be relieved of your duties as an Ambassador.
2. Maintain an overall GPA of 2.50.
3. Attend a MINIMUM of four (4) Ag Ambassador functions (meetings excluded) per SEMESTER. Ag Ambassador functions include, but are not limited to, high school visits, career fairs, FFA or 4-H Meetings, or junior college visits and conventions.
4. Organize AT LEAST TWO (2) school/organization visits.
5. Attend Saturday@Sam events during the FALL AND SPRING semesters.
6. Complete an event report for each Ambassador function you attend.
7. Wear proper Ag Ambassador apparel as described in the Ag Ambassador Dress Code.
8. NEVER discriminate due to race, sex, or religion.
9. Refrain from the use of ALL tobacco products, consumption of alcohol, chewing gum, and toothpicks in the mouth at all times while representing Ambassadors or in Ambassador attire.
10. All Ambassadors will begin on a one semester probationary period.
11. At year's end, all current Ambassadors will be PEER-EVALUATED. These evaluations will be assessed by Dr. Pavelock and another person (faculty member, graduate assistant with Ambassador responsibilities, or senior Ambassadors). Any Ambassador that is not meeting the requirements or has unsatisfactory peer evaluations will be subject to probation or may be asked to leave the Ambassador team.

Dress Code

As a representative of Sam Houston State University you should always present yourself in a professional manner. All functions will be classified under one of the following approved outfits:

★ **Business casual for Ambassadors:**

- NO blue jeans
- NO t-shirts
- NO tennis shoes
 - Ex: Meeting with faculty

★ **Casual events:**

- NO inappropriate length shorts, and no excessively tight or revealing clothing
- SHSU t-shirts if appropriate and permitted by the advisor
- Starched jeans only
 - EX: BOLT, Alcohol Awareness Initiative, etc.

★ Clothing should always be IRONED and STARCHED

★ Name badge MUST BE WORN at every event

★ Refrain from wearing extremely faded and worn clothing

★ Attire should ALWAYS look professional

★ Hair should be neatly groomed and pulled away from the face

- Men should be cleanly shaven

★ Shoes should be comfortable and look nice

- Tennis shoes are not permitted while in Ambassador attire

★ Jewelry should be conservative and minimal

★ Denim is to be avoided

★ Caps are never to be worn while in Ambassador attire

★ Cowboy hats are considered acceptable for casual outdoor functions and HLSR

- When wearing a hat, "Hat Etiquette" needs to be followed

★ Any tattoos or body piercings (other than ear piercings for females) shall not be seen

★ Toothpicks and tobacco products will be prohibited when in Ambassador attire

★ No paraphernalia on clothing or accessories advertising alcohol, tobacco or other products deemed inappropriate shall be worn