Spirit Masters are the official student ambassadors of Western Kentucky University. The title “Spirit Masters” is derived from the university motto “The Spirit Makes the Master.” Our purpose is to provide an extra measure of hospitality at WKU, making visitors feel that they have had a truly exceptional experience. Spirit Masters work closely with those interested in promoting WKU including the Office of the President, the Office of Admissions, the Office of Alumni Affairs, the Office of WKU Athletics, and with various community groups.

If you are interested in applying to become a Spirit Master please take note of the following dates and deadlines:

Wednesday, March 14, 2012
Spirit Masters 'Meet & Greet' Reception  
DUC #340, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28, 2012
Spirit Master Application Deadline  
Submit applications to the Spirit Master Office/ DUC #339  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 30, 2012
Post: First Round Interview Schedule  
Spirit Master Office Window/ DUC #339  
8:00 a.m.

April 9 – 11, 2012
Monday - Wednesday  
First Round Interviews  
DUC Third Floor; 5:30-9:00 pm

Thursday, April 12, 2012
Post: Second Round Finalists & Interview Schedule  
Spirit Master Office Window/ DUC #339  
8:00 a.m.

April 16 - 18, 2012
Monday - Wednesday  
Second Round Interviews  
Wetherby Administration Building – Lobby Level  
President’s Conference Room / Suite #150  
Schedule Time (evening) - TBD

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
2011-2012 Spirit Master Class Announced  
“Meet Me on the Hill”- Cherry Hall at Midnight

April 21 - 22, 2012
Saturday - Sunday  
Mandatory Spirit Master Training Retreat  
Location and Time TBA (overnight stay required)
About the Selection Process

The selection of new Spirit Masters occurs in three parts: (1) Timely submission of a completed application with references, class schedule, unofficial academic transcript, and photo; (2) first-round interview for all applicants with a panel consisting of three to four members of the University faculty, staff and administration; and (3) a second-round interview for selected applicants with the Spirit Masters Advisory Council and additional appointed individuals. New Spirit Masters are selected based on their performance in all levels of the selection process. Please Note: During the interview process, those applicants participating in WKU-Collegiate Programs – Study Abroad or Study Away – will follow the same interview process via Skype. Scheduling will be determined prior to the first-round interviews.

Membership Criteria

- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher
- At least second semester freshman classification
- Full-Time enrollment as an undergraduate student
- If selected as a new Spirit Master in the Spring of 2012, you must be enrolled ‘on campus’ for the following Fall of 2012 semester. After your first full semester as a new Spirit Master, you may participate in the WKU-Collegiate Programs – Study Abroad or Study Away.
- Ability to devote at least sixty hours in the fall semester and forty hours in the spring semester to assignment obligations.
- Ability to attend the mandatory Spirit Masters Training Retreat/ April 21 – 22, 2012.
- Desire to learn all facets of WKU and remain updated on current events and progressive changes concerning the University community.
- Willingness to learn the Office of Admissions WKU Campus Tour, both shuttle and walking, and to present it in a professional manner to prospective students, their parents, and campus visitors.
- Excellent oral communication skills and poise while dealing with diverse groups of visitors.
Please print or type:

Full Name: ____________________________
Prefered Name: ____________________________

WKU ID: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________

Local Address: ____________________________  Permanent Address: ____________________________

Local Phone: ____________________________  Permanent Phone: ____________________________

School Classification: ____________________________
Completed Credit Hours: ____________________________
Cumulative GPA: ____________________________
Major: ____________________________  Minor: ____________________________

If currently participating in Study Abroad or Study Away during the interview process, please specify exact location (i.e. Harlaxton, Washington, D.C. etc.) ____________________________

Place of Employment: ____________________________
Work Phone: ____________________________  Hours per week: ____________________________

Are there dates or times that you would be unavailable for a first round interview? ______
If so, when would you not be available? ____________________________

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions. Limit your responses to a maximum 500 words per question. Be sure to number each answer with the correct question number.

1.) List ALL campus activities, organizations, or outside interests (hobbies, volunteer work, etc.) with which you are currently involved. Briefly mention any office(s) currently held and/or past positions held. If you are a freshman, this can date back to high school.

2.) What would you consider to be the most important attribute for one to possess in serving as an official representative of WKU and why?

3.) Suppose that a high school senior is applying to various colleges and is interested in knowing more about WKU. Other than size and diversity, how would you describe one advantage and one disadvantage of WKU to the prospective student?
4.) What do you expect to give and receive from involvement in Spirit Masters?
5.) What does “The Spirit Makes the Master” mean to you?

REFERENCES

You are required to submit three (3) letters of recommendation to complete your application. Reference letters must be submitted to the Spirit Master Office (DUC 339) no later than 4:30pm on Friday, March 25. Please ensure that each letter includes your name both in the letter and on the outside of a sealed envelope. All letters should be addressed to the attention of the Spirit Master Advisory Council.

Faculty Reference
Name: ________________________________
Department: _________________________
Office Phone: _________________________
Office Hours: _________________________

Faculty/Staff/Community Reference
Name: ________________________________
Department/Organization: ______________
Office Phone: _________________________
Office Hours: _________________________

Student/Peer Reference
Name: ________________________________
Classification: ________________________
Phone: _______________________________
Best Time to Reach: ____________________

Please attach a recent photograph, a current class schedule from TopNet, and an unofficial academic transcript from TopNet. Applications that do not include these items will not be considered.

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT SPIRIT MASTERS (i.e. website, flyer, professor, current Spirit Master (please indicate name), etc…)

If you have any questions regarding the selection process, please contact Alvin Farmer, Spirit Masters Chair, @ alvin.farmer222@topper.wku.edu or Zack Ryle, Spirit Masters Vice Chair, @ zachary.ryle140@topper.wku.edu. The completed
application must be submitted no later than Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 4:00 pm to the Spirit Masters Office located in DUC/Room #339. If the office is not unlocked, please slide your application under the office door. Thank you for your interest in the WKU Spirit Masters and we look forward to meeting you at First-Round Interviews!

“The Spirit Makes the Master”