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 deadlines and dates:

**Wednesday, March 2, 2011**  
Spirit Master Reception  
DUC # 340;  7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Friday, March 25, 2011**  
Spirit Master Application Deadline  
Submit applications to the Spirit Master Office/ DUC #339

**Wednesday, March 30, 2011**  
First Round Interview Times Posted  
Spirit Master Office Window / DUC #339

**April 4 – 6, 2011**  
First Round Interviews  
DUC Third Floor; 5:30-9:00 pm

**Thursday, April 7, 2011**  
Second Round Finalists Posted  
Spirit Master Office Window/ DUC #339

**April 11 – 13, 2011**  
Second Round Interviews  
Wetherby Administration Building – Lobby Level  
President’s Conference Room

**Wednesday, April 13, 2011**  
2011-2012 Spirit Master Class Announced  
“Meet Me on the Hill”- Cherry Hall at Midnight

**April 16 – 17, 2011**  
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: Timely submission of a completed application with references, class schedule, unofficial academic transcript, and photo; first-round interview for all applicants with a panel consisting of three to four members of the university faculty, staff and/or administration; and a second-round interview for selected applicants with the Spirit Master Advisory Council and other appointed individuals. New Spirit Masters are selected based on their performance in all levels of the selection process.

Membership Criteria

- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- At least second semester Freshman classification
- Full-time enrollment as an undergraduate student
- Ability to devote at least forty hours in the fall semester and sixty hours in the spring semester, to assignment obligations
- Ability to participate in mandatory weekly meetings on Wednesday nights at 9:00 pm, as well as other mandatory Spirit Master functions
- Ability to attend the mandatory Spirit Master Training Retreat on April 16 - 17
- Desire to learn all facets of WKU and remain updated on current events and 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 in dealing with diverse groups of visitors
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please print or type:

Full Name: ________________________________________________
Preferred Name: ___________________________________________

WKU ID: _____________________________
Email: _______________________________

Local Address: _____________________________________________
Permanent Address: _________________________________________

Local Phone: _____________________________ Permanent Phone: _____________

School Classification: _____________________________
Completed Credit Hours: _____________________________
Cumulative GPA: _____________________________

Major: ____________________________________________ Minor: _____________________________

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?
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 Mitchell White, Spirit Master Chair, at mitchell.white1@gmail.com or Jessica Paulsen, Vice Chair, at jessicaleighpaulsen@gmail.com. The completed application should be submitted to the Spirit Master office located in DUC room 339. If the office is vacant, please slide under the door. Thank you for your interest in Spirit Masters and we look forward to seeing you during First Round Interviews!

“The Spirit Makes the Master”