



## 2011- 2012 Spirit Master Application

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.
<b>Friday, March 25, 2011</b>	<b>Spirit Master Application Deadline</b> <b>Submit applications to the Spirit Master Office/ DUC #339</b>
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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 Mitchell White, Spirit Master Chair, at [mitchell.white1@gmail.com](mailto:mitchell.white1@gmail.com) or Jessica Paulsen, Vice Chair, at [jessicaleighpaulsen@gmail.com](mailto: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”**