

The BURG Peer Education Network

FYI (First Year Initiative)

Application

What is FYI? The First Year Initiative is a unique opportunity to learn more about becoming a peer health educator at Frostburg State University. Students selected into this program will begin exploring the different ways our student leaders educate their peers on college health issues. Never before has the role of a peer educator been more important than today. A significant number of college student students struggle with anxiety, depression and stress. A peer educator serves as a significant resource on a college campus. Our students have been recognized nationally as a leader in peer education for the past 28 years, helping save lives and creating healthy and positive messages on campus.

Program Requirements

Peer educators are dedicated volunteers and involvement levels vary from student to student. What a student puts into the organization is what they get out of it. We highly suggest weekly attendance of general body meetings and engaging in events as student schedules permit. We feel that our calendar has enough events and activities for students to be active without being overwhelmed.

Benefits

- Make instant friends
- Have a support system
- Receive national certification
- Develop leadership, communication and presentation skills
- Travel to National and Regional Conferences
- Get great t-shirts

Name:

Local Phone:

Email:

Date of Birth: _____

Major/Minor (if known): _____

Why do you want to become a college peer health educator? (Check which options apply to you)

- I was a peer mentor in high school
- I like helping others
- I enjoy giving presentations
- I like educating my peers
- I have a family member who struggles with an addiction/mental health issue and I want to help raise awareness
- I had an issue with Alcohol/drugs in my past and want to help others from becoming dependent
- I want to increase my leadership skills
- It sounds interesting
- I liked what I saw on your website
- I make healthy choices and I want to educate my campus about healthy choices
- I want to make a difference on campus
- Other _____

Our organization promotes healthy choices on campus. Do you believe you have a strong personal philosophy about healthy choices and college students? (Please circle)

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

While BURG Peer Educators are not expected to be “perfect”, they are expected to model low or no risk choices and healthy decision making and to encourage others to do the same. Do you feel confident in your personal ability to do so? (Please circle)

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

How prepared do you feel, with the right training, you are to be a peer educator regarding health and wellness on our campus? (Please circle)

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

Do you have any commitments that would present a conflict with our organization? Please list other organizations you are/will be involved in (sports, band, fraternity and sorority life, etc).

Please list any special skills and provide examples of projects you have completed:

- ___ Web design
- ___ Graphic design
- ___ Video production
- ___ Public speaking
- ___ Photography
- ___ Other _____

In your opinion, how well do you qualify in the following areas? Rate yourself.

Scale:	1=Poor		3=Average	4=Above Average	5=Excellent	
Relating to peers	1	2	3	4	5	No Basis
Initiating leadership during group work	1	2	3	4	5	No Basis
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5	No Basis
Public speaking/ presentation skills	1	2	3	4	5	No Basis
Writing skills	1	2	3	4	5	No Basis
Character/Role Model	1	2	3	4	5	No Basis
Responsibility while completing	1	2	3	4	5	No Basis

Phone interviews will follow the application process (typically within 48 hours). Please let us

Number: _____ **Time:** _____

Please E-mail application to dswogger@frostburg.edu

Please make sure you submit it before July 30, 2023.

Thank You for your interest!