**BERRY COLLEGE – SOAR LEADER APPLICATION**

Please complete all sections of this application, **print a hard copy** and return it to Chris Arnold in the Dean of Students’ Office located in Hermann Hall, along with three references by 5:00pm Tuesday, February 13th.

**GENERAL**

Last Name:       First Name:       Middle Initial:

Student ID:       Gender: Career GPA:       Current Class Standing:

Expected Graduation Date:       Major:

Are you a transfer student? :       If Yes, what other schools have you attended?

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Berry Email:        PO Box:

Hometown:       State:       Cell Phone:

**BERRY ACTIVITIES AND HONORS**

Please list all extracurricular activities you are involved with as well as any honors you may have received.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Please provide your student work experience below.

**SUMMER PLANS/COMMITMENTS**

Please provide your summer plans/commitments below.

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| Date Received | Career GPA | Judicial Clearance |
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**RESUME**

Please include a professional resume that will address the following areas: employment, student involvement, and service. Please be reminded that you must also have an approved resume on file with the Career Center. Attach your resume to your completed application.

**REFERENCES**

In addition to listing the names of your references here, please have them complete the enclosed reference form.

Faculty/Staff Reference: Name:

Department:

Peer Reference: Name:

Other Reference: Name:

Relation:

**ESSAY QUESTIONS – NEW APPLICANTS**

Please answer the following essay questions and attach your typed answers to your completed application.

* Why do you want to serve as a SOAR Leader?
* What strengths do you possess which would make you an effective SOAR Leader?
* What would you hope to gain from this experience?
* What would you change about SOAR from the session that you attended?

**ESSAY QUESTIONS – RETURNING APPLICANTS**

Please answer the following essay questions and attach your typed answers to your completed application.

* Explain what you gained from your experience as a SOAR Leader.
* What personal strengths do you possess that make you an effective Veteran SOAR leader?
* Why are you interested in reapplying for SOAR?
* What would you change for SOAR 2018?

All SOAR leaders are expected to be in good standing with the College academically as well as conduct.

Applicants will be required to participate in a group interview process on Sunday, February 18th at 5:00pm. Post group interview, a selection of applicants will be asked to interview with Lindsey Taylor and Chris Arnold the week of February 21st.

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*Signature Date*

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO DEAN OF STUDENTS’ OFFICE (LOCATED IN HERMANN HALL)

NO LATER THAN **5:00PM ON FEBRUARY 13th**.

**BERRY COLLEGE – SOAR LEADER POSITION DESCRIPTION**

SOAR Leaders are responsible for assisting with the planning and implementation of Berry College orientation activities, specifically SOAR and Viking Venture. SOAR Leaders should be enthusiastic ambassadors of Berry College to all incoming students and their guests. They should be selfless team players who are committed to assisting the transition to college life for these students. While there is no specific type of SOAR Leader, all SOAR Leaders should have a passion for Berry, lots of energy, and confidence to step outside their comfort zone.

SOAR Leaders report to the Head SOAR Leader, Chris Arnold, who in turn reports to the Assistant Dean of Students, Lindsey Taylor.

*Additionally, a SOAR Leader must hold a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 since attending Berry College as well as be in good conduct standing.*

**Job Expectations**

* Participate in staff planning/training meetings during March and April and SOAR training starting around May 28th, 2018 through debriefing on June 16th, 2018.
* Participate in **all** June SOAR sessions (open to freshmen and transfer students) and assist **if needed** with Viking Venture and Discover Berry.

**SOAR 2018**

June 4-5 (M/T)

June 7-8 (H/F)

June 11-12 (M/T)

June 14-15 (H/F)

Viking Venture: August 15-19

* Facilitate small groups during individual SOAR sessions and communicate with group members prior to each session.
* Become familiar with Berry College policies, services, traditions, and personnel.
* Serve as a role model for incoming students and represent the College in a positive manner.
* Help the Head SOAR Leader in completing tasks and planning individual aspects of SOAR sessions.
* Foster a good group dynamic.

**Remuneration**

SOAR Leaders will be paid at a level three. You are only on campus for approximately three weeks. Housing is provided on campus and many (but not all) meals are included.

**BERRY COLLEGE – SOAR LEADER REFERENCE FORM**

The student below is applying for a key leadership position at Berry College as a SOAR Leader. SOAR Leaders are responsible for assisting with the planning and implementation of Berry College orientation activities, specifically SOAR and Viking Venture. The candidate for this position will be expected to maintain a positive, service philosophy and have an appreciation for the legitimate and genuine representation of Berry College. The candidate will assist new students in succeeding at Berry College by aiding them in understanding and adjusting to their college experience.

We ask that you keep these expectations and job responsibilities in mind when evaluating the candidate and provide us with helpful insights as to the candidate’s character and personal qualities which we might not obtain from other application materials.

**Applicant Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant in the following areas using a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent) and make additional comments as appropriate:

**Ability to fill the role explained above:** 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

**Enthusiasm for Berry College:** 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

**Ability to work as a team player:** 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

**Ability and desire to help people:** 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

**Responsibility and professionalism:** 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

**Overall qualities of Berry ambassador:** 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

**Based on your knowledge of the student and the SOAR Leader position, please indicate your overall recommendation:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Hire \_\_\_\_\_ Do Not Hire \_\_\_\_\_ Hire with Reservation

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference form. Your assistance in completing this reference and returning it in a prompt manner will greatly assist the candidate in the SOAR Leader selection process.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by **February 13th at 5:00pm** to: Lindsey Taylor/Chris Arnold, PO Box 5009, Mount Berry, GA 30149.