



CALS AMBASSADOR
Application for the Academic Year
2017-2018

The Ambassadors are a select group of students in the University of Florida's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in academics and student leadership.

The Ambassadors support food, agriculture, natural resources and life sciences throughout the state of Florida. Their objective is to create awareness of the academic programs and career opportunities in those areas among students, teachers, advisers and the general public in the state of Florida. They meet this objective by speaking at high schools, community colleges and civic organizations within the state of Florida and at national events.

As the official hosts for IFAS and CALS functions, they assist with many events including alumni gatherings throughout Florida, where they provide a vital link between alumni, CALS and IFAS.

Serving as an Ambassador is an honor and distinction. No academic credit is offered and the experience can be 1-2 years in length.

Application Deadline:
Friday, February 17, 2017 by 3:27 p.m.

Want to know more about being a CALS Ambassador?

Email: Jenai Collins, Program Assistant jenai@ufl.edu

<http://www.cals.ufl.edu/students/ambassadors.php>



Proud supporter of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Application deadline is Friday, February 17th by 3:27 PM. Return completed applications to 2020 McCarty Hall D attention Jenai Collins. Electronic versions of the application will not be accepted.

The CALS Ambassador program is beginning its 24th year and is recognized as one of the best student Ambassador programs in the nation. Selected applicants will be contacted and invited to arrange an interview time. **Interviews will be scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2017 in McCarty Hall D room 2025.** The competitive selection process consists of several activities:

1. **Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be selected for an interview. You will be notified of our decision by email.**
2. You will be required to submit a 1-2 minute snapchat/infomercial type video. Video quality is not a factor in this process, we simply want you to be creative and fun in “sharing your story as a student in CALS”. We encourage you to use your phone (or a friends) for this task- nothing fancy just think creatively. Make sure your video is oriented properly.
3. As part of the interview process you will prepare a *three-minute engaging activity* that could be used with middle or high school students to promote the college, our majors, and other benefits of CALS. You may use visual aids or props such as game pieces, koosh balls, etc. to help in presenting the activity. **Electronic visual aids of any kind are prohibited. Showcase your creativity.** Treat this as you would a presentation to a group of prospective students.
4. Following your presentation, the selection panel will ask you a series of questions.

Applicants ***must***:

- Provide two **current** letters of recommendation. Each should reference your qualifications as a potential CALS Ambassador. (at least one from an academic advisor, professor, etc.).
- Be an entering sophomore, junior or senior (seniors must have a full year of availability: fall 2017 and spring 2018) enrolled in a major in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.
- **Attend the Ambassador Training Conference on August 15-17, 2017 – This is **MANDATORY**, meaning not negotiable. The conference requires 3 days and 2 nights out of town and one day on campus. The group will travel together and expenses and arrangements are handled by the CALS Dean’s Office. We will return to Gainesville on the afternoon of the 17th and attend UF Freshman Convocation as your first official CALS Ambassador event on August 18th.**
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Be highly motivated, energetic, and dependable.
- Be able to demonstrate outstanding leadership skills.
- Be a team player.
- **Attend regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings. **MANDATORY** unless you have a **CLASS** conflict.**
- Be willing to travel and participate in **evening and weekend activities.**
- **Be willing and able to drive a state vehicle to events. Must be comfortable driving, have proof of insurance and a valid driver’s license.**

Suggestions for Success

Here are a few suggestions to help you prepare to be a successful candidate:

- Be on time to your interview.
- Dress professionally – **Business Attire!**
www.forsythtech.edu/services-students/career-counseling/interview-skills/how-to-dress-for-an-interview
- Be prepared and do your homework (familiarize yourself with UF, CALS and IFAS Programs).
- Give some thought to your skills and qualities and use visual aids that are creative and interesting.

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Personal Information

Name:		UF ID:
Local Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone #1 :		Phone #2:
E-Mail Address:		@ufl.edu
Permanent Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
DOB:	Home Town Newspaper: & address	

Education

Classification:	Expected Graduation Date:	GPA:
Major:		Minor:
Will you be enrolled Summer A 2017?	Summer B 2017?	

Please list courses you plan to take in the next year.

Summer	Fall	Spring

When did you enter the University of Florida?

Term (select one):	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	FRESHMAN	TRANSFER STUDENT
YEAR					

Important NOTE: The remainder of this application should be
 **HANDWRITTEN!**

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.
- Aristotle

*The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences offers
_____ majors and _____ specializations.*

This summer, I plan to:

My perfect job is:

List three reasons why serving as a CALS Ambassador is important to you:

My top two weaknesses are:

Draw a picture/illustration reflecting your long term goals.

Write the name of the Dean for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences above the word "draw" on this page.

*You have to be willing to grow, to push your talents to the outer limits.
- Stedman Graham*

List five qualities you believe will contribute to your effectiveness as an Ambassador:

Write while using the opposite hand you usually use to write—this box only.

List ten things you love to do. It could be singing, dancing, looking at magazines, running, studying, etc.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

How often do you read your emails? Be honest!
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Differences challenge assumptions. – Anne Wilson Schaef

If there was a movie produced about your life, who would play you and why, and what would be the name of the movie?

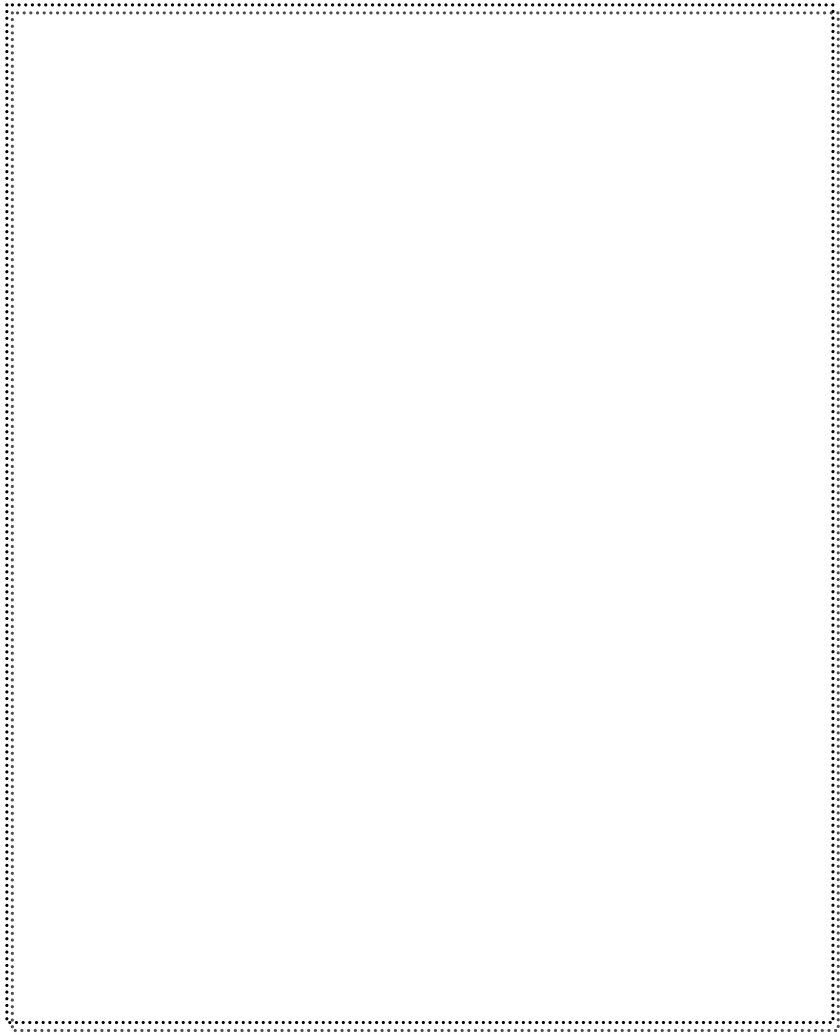


I LEARNED ABOUT THE CALS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM FROM:

What is the name of the college you are in? This is not a trick question.

- 1. List three interesting facts about UF, CALS and/or IFAS. Write them around the outside perimeter of this page.*
- 2. Approximately how many undergraduate and graduate students are currently enrolled in CALS?*

Please attach a 4x6 photo professional style headshot of yourself here.



Don't forget to attach your resume!

Please accept my application for the 2017-2018 CALS Ambassador Team. I certify that I am/will be enrolled in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, my grade point average is 2.5 or higher, I am in good academic standing and that I have read and agree to the requirements of being a CALS Ambassador.

Student's Signature Date

Include 2 current letters of recommendation. Do not submit separately.

