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In addition to providing support to The Office of Undergraduate Admissions, TrailBlazers provides an opportunity for students with the common interest of meeting and assisting UAB’s prospective students to build leadership and organizational skills. TrailBlazers foster a feeling of family, strive for an increased understanding and appreciation for others, and develop responsible and dedicated leaders.

To become a UAB TrailBlazer, students must:

∗ Display an enthusiastic commitment to UAB
∗ Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above
∗ Have attended UAB for at least one semester
  ∗ Attend a mandatory interest session
  ∗ Complete an application
∗ Interview with members of the Undergraduate Admissions Office
∗ Commit to attending the Joint Leadership Retreat, February 28-March 1, 2003

Applicants must attend an interest session to complete application process:

January 13, 2:45 p.m. January 14, 11:45 a.m. January 16, 2:45 p.m. January 22, 11:45 a.m.
January 24, 3:45 p.m.

Sessions will be held in HUC 514
Interest sessions provide students with details regarding expectations and requirements of the TrailBlazers, benefits of involvement including stipend information and a short question and answer session.

Application Deadline: January 28, 5:00 p.m.
Undergraduate Admissions Office, HUC 260

Students will be invited to interview based upon application and letters of recommendation
Interviews: February 4&5
UAB TRAILBLAZERS 2003-2004

Name __________________________

Interest Session Attended: ________________

Social Security Number ___________________

Local Address ___________________________ PLACE PHOTO HERE

E-mail Address ___________________________

Phone Number(s) _________________________

Date of Birth _____________________________

High School Attended & Graduation Year ____________________________________________

Current Class Level ______ Cumulative GPA _____ Major ___________ Minor _________

UAB Activities and Campus Involvement ____________________________________________

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Please Answer the Following Questions (you may use additional pages):

1. Why are you interested in becoming a TrailBlazer?

2. What are some questions/ concerns that high school students and their families have when choosing a college?

3. Please list at least 3 main aspects of campus that should be addressed on a campus tour
4. Describe some of your strengths and weaknesses and the effects each will have on your participation in TrailBlazers.

5. Please list organizations or other commitments that you plan to be involved in during the spring 2003, summer 2003, fall 2003 and spring 2004 semesters. Specify weekly hours of time commitment required of each.

REFERENCE INFORMATION- 2 references required

Please list the name, occupation, & contact number of the persons providing your references. All references should be submitted in a sealed envelope with the application. Applications will not be considered without proper references.

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ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BY 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2003. Applicants will be invited to interview based on interest sessions attendance and review of completed application with letters of recommendations. Selected applicants will be contacted by January 31, 2003 to schedule interview.
December 2002

Dear Evaluator:

You have been selected to provide a character reference for a student applying for The UAB TrailBlazers, the official student recruitment team.

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Please use the attached form to make your recommendation. Your comments will be given careful consideration by the selection committee. Prospective candidates must have a completed application packet in by January 28, 2003 at 5:00 P.M.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Laughlin Anika McCarty
TrailBlazer Advisors
UAB TrailBlazer Evaluation
UAB Faculty or Staff Evaluation

Name of Applicant:______________________________

Name of Evaluator:______________________________

Title:___________________________________________

Place of Employment:____________________________

Phone number of Evaluator:________________________

Email address of Evaluator:________________________

Evaluator’s relationship to Applicant:________________

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? ________

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In the space provided, please provide a written assessment of this applicant’s leadership ability, dependability, desire to help others and outlook toward UAB. Be as specific and candid as possible when commenting on strengths and weaknesses. Please provide examples of the skills and characteristics that you believe are relevant to our decision. Applicants will be selected to participate in the interview round of the application process based upon the sincerity and depth of their written application and two letters of recommendation. Your objective recommendation will play a large role in our selection of students that demonstrate the ability to be flexible, hardworking and to represent UAB well. Feel free to attach an additional sheet if necessary.