2021-2022 TrailBlazer Application
Applications must be submitted by
Friday, January 22 at 5:00 PM

The following are all the requirements an applicant must complete to be considered.

- **Attend a Virtual Interest Session.** Interest sessions will be held via Zoom.
  **Meeting ID:** 982 9003 6694
  Dates are listed below. You must attend **one** interest session before submitting your application.
  - Friday, November 6, 1:00-1:30 PM
  - Monday, November 9, 11:00-11:30 AM
  - Thursday, November 12, 9:00-9:30 AM
  - Wednesday, November 18 2:00 - 2:30 PM
  - Tuesday, December 1, 5:00-5:30 PM
  - Tuesday, January 19 5:00 – 5:30 PM

- **Complete the entire application packet,** including answers to questions. The completed application, resume and letters of recommendation must be submitted at the TrailBlazer Chat.
  *Note: Letters from family or friends will not be accepted. Recommendation letters can be included with your application packet in a sealed and signed envelope or emailed directly from your recommender to TrailBlazers@uab.edu*

- **Turn in your application & participate in a TrailBlazer Chat.** TrailBlazer Chats will be held January 19-22 in the Hill Student Center Meeting Room 204/206. You must turn in your application during your TrailBlazer chat. Come prepared to chat with a TrailBlazer Leadership Team member about your application and resume for 5-10 minutes.

- **Participate in an Individual Interview.** (If selected) Interviews will be held February 1-5. Those selected for individual interviews will be notified by the afternoon of Tuesday, January 26, 2021.
What are the minimum qualifications needed to apply to be a TrailBlazer?
To apply and be considered for TrailBlazers, you must:

• Have a **2.75 UAB cumulative GPA (without rounding)** at the time of application and throughout the duration of your TrailBlazer experience.
• **Be enrolled in classes full-time** for the Spring 2021, Fall 2021, and Spring 2022 semesters (enrollment in summer semester is not required.)
• Be available to give tours in Summer 2021 (exceptions for study away trips or class can be discussed)
• Serve as a TrailBlazer for at least a one year commitment. Applicants scheduled to graduate before Spring 2022 will not be considered.

What are the requirements to be on the TrailBlazer team?
If you are selected to serve as a TrailBlazer, you must commit to the following:

• Attend and observe UAB Day on Saturday, February 20, 2021.
• Attend and observe Blazer Beginnings on Saturday, April 10.
• Attend the TrailBlazer End of Year Celebration and Induction Ceremony. **Date to be determined.**
• Attend the Virtual TrailBlazer Retreat on Saturday, May 1.
• Attend the TrailBlazer Off-Campus Retreat. **Date to be determined.**
• Shadow at least 5 tours during the Spring 2021 semester led by current TrailBlazers.
• Attend weekly training sessions beginning Friday, February 12 at 3:00 PM.
• Commit to a minimum of 1 daily campus tour per week beginning in the Summer 2021 semester.
• Assist with group tours/extra events beginning in the Summer 2021 semester (minimum of 3-4 per semester).
• Attend planning meetings prior to each event and other TrailBlazer meetings as scheduled.
• Assist in all UAB events sponsored by Enrollment Management
  o For example, UAB Days, Transfer Days, UAB Nights, college fairs, specialized visit days, various recruitment events and other events and tours as they arise.
  o Many events are on Friday afternoon and Saturday mornings/afternoons.
  o All TrailBlazers must attend.
• Attend one additional on-campus event and one additional off-campus event during the academic year.
• Assist in all Campus Visit Center needs including, but not limited to, VIP student visits, phone calls, making information packets, organizing materials, assisting with event preparations, working at the reception desk, and more.

**Note:** These requirements and dates are subject to change.
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Applicant Information

Name: ___________________________________  Blazer ID: _______________________

Student # (ex. B00123456): ___________________

High School: ____________________________  Hometown/State: ____________________

Local Address: ______________________________________________________________

Street City State Zip

Permanent Address: ____________________________________________________________

Street City State Zip

Have you ever lived on campus? Yes / No (circle one)  Phone: _______________________

Current Classification (e.g., senior): __________  UAB GPA (do not round up): __________
(high school GPA if freshman)

Total number of completed college hours to date: ____________________________________

Major(s): ______________________________  Minor(s): _____________________________

Pre-Professional Interest(s): ______________  Honors College Program(s): __________

Have you participated in the Student Housing or University Student Conduct process?

□ Yes

□ No

If yes, explain the situation on a separate, typed sheet of paper and submit with your application.

What other student groups are you applying or have been selected for? (Please include Ambassadors, Honors College Ambassadors, Orientation Leader, and Resident Assistant specifically).

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If selected, will you be able to attend weekly trainings beginning Friday, February 12?

□ Yes

□ No

If no, explain below.

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If selected, will you be able to attend the Virtual TrailBlazer Retreat on Saturday, May 1?

□ Yes

□ No

If no, explain below.

____________________________________________________________________________
**Short Answer Questions:**
Please respond to all questions on a separate, typed sheet of paper. (250 word limit per question)

1. Why are you interested in becoming a TrailBlazer?
2. Why did you originally decide to attend UAB? Share your UAB story with us, and be creative! You can write about it, draw it, create a video, submit a picture, or do anything else that will show us who you are and why you chose UAB. [You can upload files here if needed] Please save file as FirstName_LastName
3. What, in your opinion, has UAB improved the most on during the past couple of years and what could we continue to improve on?
4. In your opinion, what is the most important spot on campus to show prospective students and their families? What would you share about this location?
5. Review the mandatory job requirements on page 2. Discuss your other campus and community involvement and how you plan to make TrailBlazers a priority.

Candidates must submit the completed application, resume and two letters of recommendation AND attend a TrailBlazer Chat no later than 5:00 pm on January 22, 2021.

Thank you for your interest in the 2021-2022 TrailBlazer Team!

I hereby declare my application information to be truthful. I give permission to the Campus Visit Center to verify my academic and judicial record(s). I have read and understand the requirements of a TrailBlazer and am committed to meeting those requirements if I am selected.

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Print Name                 Signature           Date