2027-2028 TrailBlazer Application

Applications must be submitted by:

Monday January 11, 2027 by 5:00 PM

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

☐ **Attend an Interest Session**. Interest sessions will be held in the Campus Visit Center, Hill Student Center 201

Dates are listed below. You must attend **<u>one</u>** interest session before submitting your application. Please indicate which interest session you plan to attend:

- ☐ Thursday November 12, 4:30 – 5:00 PM
- ☐ Friday November 13, 2:30 – 3:00 PM
- ☐ Wednesday November 18, 12:30 – 1:00 PM
- ☐ Thursday November 19, 5:00 – 5:30 PM
- ☐ Wednesday December 2, 4:30 – 5:00 PM
- ☐ Monday January 11, 4:30 – 5:00 PM

☐ **Complete the entire application packet: applicant information, short answer questions, one-page resume, and two letters of recommendation**

- The completed application packet must be received no later than the deadline above. <u>Please submit your application packet in-person to the Campus Visit Center.</u> If for some reason, you cannot drop it off in-person, please contact trailblazers@uab.edu for assistance.
- **Letters of recommendation must be submitted directly by the recommender through the form linked on Engage. Students may not upload or submit their own letters on behalf of their recommenders.** Alternatively, recommendation letters may be included with the in-person application packet in a sealed and signed envelope. Letters from family members or friends will not be accepted. **If there are issues with the rec letter submission form, please have your recommenders email their letters directly to trailblazers@uab.edu before the deadline.*

☐ **Participate in a Group Interview.** Group Interviews will be held January 12-14, 2027 (location may vary). You will be emailed a link to sign up for a group interview time if selected.

☐ **Participate in an Individual Interview (if selected):** Individual Interviews will be held January 19-22. Those selected for individual interviews will be notified by Monday January 18.

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 2027, Fall 2027, and Spring 2028 semesters (enrollment in summer semester is not required.)
- Be available to give tours in Summer 2027 (exceptions for study abroad trips or class can be discussed).
- Serve as a TrailBlazer for at least a one-year commitment. Applicants scheduled to graduate before Spring 2028 will be discussed on a 1:1 basis for returners (not for new members).

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 **February 20**
- Attend and observe Dragon Day on **April 10**
- Attend the TrailBlazer End of Year Celebration and Induction Ceremony on **April 23**
- Attend the TrailBlazer Off-Campus Retreat **May 3-5.**
- Shadow at least 7 tours during the Spring 2027 semester led by current TrailBlazers
- Attend weekly Friday training sessions throughout the Spring semester beginning **Friday, February 5 at 3:30 PM**
- Attend New Wave Welcome **Wednesday January 27 at 4:30 PM**
- For Summer 2027, commit to minimum of 10 summer campus tours.
- Beginning in the Fall 2027 semester:
    - Commit to a minimum of 1 daily campus tour per week.
    - Assist with group tours/extra events (minimum of 5 per semester).
    - Attend event allocation meetings and other TrailBlazer meetings on **Wednesdays at 5:30 PM**
- Assist in all UAB events sponsored by Enrollment Management
    - For example, UAB Days, Transfer Days, UAB Nights, specialized visit days, various recruitment events and other events and tours as they arise.
    - Most events are on Saturdays, some Fridays (class is an excuse)
- 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, creating social media content, and more. **Note: These requirements and dates are subject to change.**

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Applicant Information

Name: _____ Blazer ID: _____

Student B# (ex. B01234567): _____ Pronouns: _____

High School: _____ Hometown/State: _____
(community college/university if transfer student)

Have you ever lived on campus? Yes / No (circle one) Cell : _____

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

Are you fluent in more than one language? Yes / No (circle one & list languages other than English):

_____

Total number of completed college hours to date: _____

Expected Graduation Date (semester and year): _____

Are you a transfer student?: Yes / No (circle one)

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 (*If yes, explain the situation on a separate, typed sheet of paper and submit with your application.)*
- □ No

What other student groups are you applying to or have been selected for? (Please include Ambassadors, Orientation Leader, International Mentors specifically)

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If selected, will you be able to attend weekly trainings beginning Friday, February 5, 2027 3:30-6:00?

- □ Yes
- □ No
  If no, explain below

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If selected, will you be able to attend the entirety of the TrailBlazer Retreat May 3-5, 2027?

- □ 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 "Choose UAB" and decide to attend UAB? Share your UAB story with us!
3. What is your least favorite part about being a UAB student and why?
4. What 3 words would you choose to describe yourself?
5. Review the mandatory job requirements on page 2. Discuss your other campus and community involvements and how you plan to make TrailBlazers a priority.

Candidates must submit the completed application, one-page resume, and two letters of recommendation no later than 5:00 PM on January 11, 2027.

Thank you for your interest in the 2027 – 2028 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.

Print Name	Signature	Date