

What is a Peer Mentor?

Peer mentors are integral to the First Year Experience, serving as role models and resources, as they help new students integrate into the college community. These more advanced students are selected for their academic engagement, their integrity, and their positive and helpful attitude. Their job is to model creative, intellectual inquiry and to steer first-year students in appropriate directions when they need help navigating curricular and cocurricular challenges and opportunities.

Peer mentors support both the younger students in their seminars and the faculty member who is teaching. They may be sophomores, juniors, or seniors, and they may live in the residence halls, elsewhere on

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Sometimes, however, a faculty member does not have an individual student in mind, and/or an invited student is unavailable due to scheduling issues, study abroad, etc. In that case the faculty member may request from the FYE Office the files of any students who have applied independently. Students applying independently must submit an application (<http://www.skidmore.edu/fye/mentors/apply.php>) and are also subject to integrity checks; if the student is approved, the FYE Office will retain that student's materials on file for any faculty member who is looking for a peer mentor and would like to interview potential candidates. Please note that all applicants who apply independently are required to have a recommendation from a faculty member. The faculty recommendation sheet is here: [http://www.skidmore.edu/fye/faculty/peer\\_recommendation.php](http://www.skidmore.edu/fye/faculty/peer_recommendation.php)

## Peer Mentor Training Attendance Policy

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