

Office of Development and Alumni Relations Student Delegate Program Program Description for Students

What is the Office of Development?

The Office of Development is responsible for securing philanthropic resources that are transforming USA. We engage alumni, friends, families, corporations, and foundations and encourage gifts and financial investments to better our University and the lives of our students.

What is the Student Delegate Program?

The Student Delegate Program attracts qualified, enthusiastic, committed student leaders who volunteer to serve as representatives to the institution's external communities. The program is intended to promote USA education among alumni, donors and potential donors to increase funding opportunities for students, such as scholarships, research opportunities and campus improvements. Delegates will help host donors and VIP's, provide assistance for campus tours, special events and public speaking events.

What is a Student Delegate?

A Student Delegate is a storyteller. No one knows life at USA better than a student. No one can explain the life changing impact of a USA education better than someone who is experiencing it first-hand. No one can advocate the importance of funding for students better than an actual student. A Student Delegate is someone who is able to talk about their experience of USA to donors and potential donors with confidence and passion. As a Student Delegate you will help the USA Office of Development and Alumni Relations convey to donors the importance of scholarships and general student support. Your story might just be the catalyst that spurs someone to make a donation to enable talented students like you to experience an USA education.

What does a Student Delegate do?

Student Delegates are essential to our communications with current and potential donors. Through personal interactions and publications, Student Delegates will share their experiences of USA. Being a Delegate will require a time commitment of approximately 1-5 hours per month during the academic year. Hours will vary, depending on the number of events and activities scheduled.

Face to Face Conversations

We hold events where alumni, donors and potential supporters of the University are invited to attend and we ask Student Delegates provide the face and voice of the University. Delegates will be invited to meet and talk to these VIP's, telling your story and inspiring them to find out more about making a gift to the University, which will enable others to study at USA.

Speaking Engagements

We occasionally host luncheons, banquets and other special events for current and potential donors. Student Delegates may be asked to briefly tell guests about the impact that financial support from donors has had on their lives at USA and their educational experience.

Photographs, Written Quotes and Stories

We produce proposals, publications and reports for current and potential donors. Pictures and quotes from current students about life and learning at USA can bring these to life in new ways.

What you will get out of being a Delegate?

As a Student Delegate you will get the chance to build invaluable experience of networking and communication (written and in person), get an insider's perspective of USA's \$150 million campaign, and have the opportunity to talk one on one with business and industry leaders about your experience of a USA education.

You will also have the opportunity to:

- Cultivate leadership and communication skills
- Create valuable professional connections with campus and community leaders
- Build your resume
- Gain community service and public speaking experience
- Acquire exposure as a visible and well-known student leaders on campus
- Network with diverse community leaders (government, business, education)
- Student Leadership Training conferences

Minimum Qualifications:

- Earned and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Earned a minimum of 24 semester credit hours
- Enrolled in a minimum of 6 semester credit hours per semester

Next Steps:

Complete the Student Delegate application (below) and submit to devdelegates@southalabama.edu. If selected to move to the next stage, you will be asked to interview with a committee from the Office of Development & Alumni Relations.

Office of Development and Alumni Relations
Student Delegate Program Application
2017 - 2018 Academic Year

Due September 1, 2017 to
devdelegates@southalabama.edu

Full Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

J#: _____ Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

GPA: _____ Major: _____

Year in School: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Scholarships, Awards and Honorary Societies:

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Future Goals: _____

Work Experience (include summer, part time and volunteer): _____

Do you plan to work during 2017-2018? _____ If so, how many hours per week? _____

Why did you choose USA?

(You may download and complete the application or you may attach your responses on separate sheets, but please make sure to put your name on all sheets.)

All applicants will be contacted by email to schedule an interview.