

FIRST YEAR PEER CONNECTOR SCHOLARSHIP ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021



Peer Connectors will strive to create a community of engagement and belonging within their first-year living center. They will encourage peer involvement with floor programming, university organizations and events, and campus initiatives. Peer Connectors will support their peers as they transition to college, while working closely with Resident Assistant and Living Center Director staff within Housing & Residence Life. Peer connectors will receive \$500 scholarship each semester (Fall 2020 and Winter 2021), for a total of \$1000.

Qualifications

- Grand Valley State University student, beginning Fall 2020
- New student on campus, beginning their first semester at GVSU
- Candidate must live on-campus for the 2020-2021 academic year and will be (re)assigned to the appropriate living center.
- Enthusiastic to meet new people and connect with peers in community
- Maintain good academic and disciplinary standing
- Ability to effectively and professionally communicate with residents and housing staff
- Available to arrive before classes begin for orientation on August 20-21, 2020

Details of Opportunity

- Uphold the mission, vision, and values of the University and Department
- Help welcome new first-year peers to the building/community during move-in
- Engage in orientation and encourage peer participation
- Create floor engagement walls through physical and digital mediums
- Be a role model for other first-year students
- Communicate and promote prescriptive campus events, traditions, and programs
- Support every floor resident in attending one building/community and one campus event per semester
- Create positive relationships with residents and other GVSU staff members
- Abide by Housing and Residence Life, Student Code, Information Technology and other University policies, conditions and guidelines.
- Students must maintain good Academic and Conduct standing with the institution which is maintaining a 2.0 GPA or above.
- Student will remain in on-campus housing in individually assigned Peer Connector Living Centers for the full academic year 2020-2021, if campus should move to remote and the student chooses to leave campus they will no longer be eligible for the remainder of the scholarship.
- If for any reason, a student moves out of the assigned Peer Connector Living Center scholarships will be prorated based on departure date.

Scholarship Details

- Peer connectors will receive \$500 scholarship each semester (Fall 2020 and Winter 2021), for a total of \$1000. This will be applied directly to the student's housing costs on their GVSU student account.

How to Apply & Process

- **Application Process**

- The Application will be available through July 31.
- Interested applicants must apply through the Housing & Residence Life Employment website.
- Applicants will be required to complete the position application which will include outlining their qualifications for the position such as previous employment; volunteer, organization, and leadership involvement; and reference information.
- Applicants will submit a video of intent. The video should be no longer than 3 minutes in length and include an introduction to tell us about yourself and why you chose to become a Grand Valley State University Laker.

- **Timeline**

- Select applicants will be offered a virtual interview on a rolling basis.
- Applicants will receive notification of employment decisions via GVSU student email address.