



## **College of Agricultural and Life Sciences AMBASSADORS**

*Application for the Academic Year  
2009 - 2010*

The Ambassadors are a select group of students in the University of Florida's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, School of Forest Resources and Conservation, and School of Natural Resources and the Environment who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in academics and student leadership.

The Ambassadors support food, agriculture, natural resources, and life sciences throughout the state of Florida. Their objective is to create awareness of the academic programs and career opportunities in those areas among students, teachers, advisors, and the general public in the state of Florida. They meet this objective by speaking to high schools, community colleges, and civic organizations within the state of Florida and at national events.

As the official hosts for IFAS and CALS functions, they help assist with many events and including alumni gatherings throughout Florida, where they provide a vital link between alumni, CALS and IFAS.

Serving as an Ambassador is an honor and distinction. No academic credit is offered and the experience can be 1-2 years in length.

**[www.cals.ufl.edu/ambassadors](http://www.cals.ufl.edu/ambassadors)**

**Application Deadline:**  
Friday, March 6, 2009

Information Session February 18, 2009  
1:00 PM or 5:00 PM  
1031 McCarty Hall D  
**Casual Attire**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

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***Application deadline is March 6, 2009. Return completed applications to 2002 McCarty Hall D attention Jenai Collins. Electronic versions of the application will not be accepted.***

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The CALS Ambassador program is beginning its seventeenth year and is recognized as one of the best student Ambassador programs in the nation. Selected applicants will be contacted to arrange an interview time. **Interviews will be scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2009.** The competitive selection process consists of several activities:

1. Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be selected for an interview.
2. As part of the interview process you will be required to give a *three-minute presentation* addressing one of three topics. You may use visual aids or props such as posters, flip charts or poster boards to help illustrate your message. **Power point should not be used. Showcase your creativity.** Treat this as you would a presentation to a group of prospective students.
  - ❑ Career Opportunities for Graduates of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
  - ❑ Why choose the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences?
  - ❑ All about CALS, IFAS, and UF
3. Following your presentation, the selection panel will ask you a series of questions.

### Applicants ***must:***

- Be a sophomore, junior, senior enrolled in a major in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Be able to commit to at least one year of service.
- Be highly motivated, energetic, dependable and knowledgeable.
- Be able to demonstrate outstanding leadership skills.
- Be a team player.
- Be willing to travel and participate in evening and weekend activities.
- **Be able to attend the Ambassador Training Conference on August 19-21, 2009 – This is mandatory, not negotiable.**
- Attend regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings
- Provide two letters of recommendation (at least one from an academic advisor, professor, etc.).

### **Suggestions for Success**

Here are a few suggestions to help you prepare to be a successful candidate:

- **Attend one of the information sessions on February 18, 2009. They will be at 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM in 1031 McCarty Hall D.**
- Be on time to your interview.
- Dress professionally – Business Attire!
- Be prepared and do your homework (familiarize yourself with CALS and IFAS Programs).
- Give some thought to your skills and qualities.
- Use visual aides.
- Be creative and interesting.

Please return the completed application, your resume, and two letters of recommendation and the volunteer form to McCarty Hall D, Rm, 2002 attention Jenai Collins, by **March 6, 2009 by 4:33 PM.** For questions, please contact **Jenai Collins, Program Assistant** at 392-1963 or **jenai@ufl.edu.**

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**Personal Information**

Name:		UF ID:
Local Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone :		Cell/Work Phone:
E-Mail Address:		@ufl.edu
Permanent Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
DOB:	Home Town Newspaper: & address	

**Education**

Classification:	Expected Graduation Date:	GPA:
Major:	Minor:	
Will you be enrolled Summer A 2009?	Summer B 2009?	

**Please list courses you plan to take in the next year.**

Summer	Fall	Spring

**When did you enter the University of Florida?**

Term (select one):	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	FRESHMAN	TRANSFER STUDENT
YEAR					

**High School Information**

Name:	City:	State:
Graduation Date:		

**Community College or Previous Institution Information**

Name:	City:	State:
Graduation Date:		

This summer, I plan to \_\_\_\_\_

My perfect job is \_\_\_\_\_

List three reasons why serving as a CALS Ambassador is important to you:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

My top two weaknesses are:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture/illustration that reflects your long term goals

**Highlight the color that best describes your personality.\***

<p>Prepared                  Loves to Plan                  Detailed Oriented                  Punctual                  Sense of Duty                  Belief in Policies                  Value family traditions                  Conscientious                  Conservative                  Stable</p>	<p>Energetic                  Desires Change                  Playful                  Master Negotiator                  Entertainer                  Pushes boundaries                  Accepts Challenges                  Impulsive                  Spontaneous                  "Just do It" Attitude                  Like Immediate Feedback                  Self Confident</p>
<p>Problem Solver                  Why? Mentality                  Very Complex                  Standard Setter                  Cool Calm and Collected                  Intellectual                  Perfectionist                  Analytical                  Work is Play and Play is Work</p>	<p>Caretaker                  Optimistic                  Passionate                  Enthusiastic                  Imaginative                  Cause Oriented                  True Romantic                  Needs to be unique                  People Oriented                  Strong sense of Spirituality</p>

**Gold Orange**  
**Green Blue**

\*True Colors Personality Assessment

**List three qualities that you believe will contribute to your effectiveness as an Ambassador:**

*Write while using the opposite hand you usually use to write—this box only.*

**List ten things you love to do.  
It could be singing, dancing,  
looking at magazines,  
running, studying, etc.<sup>2</sup>**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_



*The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences offers twenty majors, fifty specializations and twenty-three minors.*

Decipher the hidden meaning of each Rebus Puzzle. Write your answers in each box. Create two of your own in the boxes below that relate to expectations of Ambassadors. (Do not give the answers)	
<p>shall</p> <p><b>COME</b></p>	<p><b>CUT</b></p> <p><b>CUT CUT CUT</b> <b>CUT CUT CUT</b></p>
<p><b>E</b> Ready Ready Ready Ready Ready</p>	<p>&amp; BETTER</p> <p><b>&amp; BETTER</b></p>

*Differences challenge assumptions. – Anne Wilson Schaef*

**Attach your resume.**

Please accept my application for the 2009-2010 CALS Ambassador Team. I certify that I am/will be enrolled in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, that my grade point average is 2.5 or higher, that I am in good academic standing and that I have read and agree to the requirements of being a CALS Ambassador.

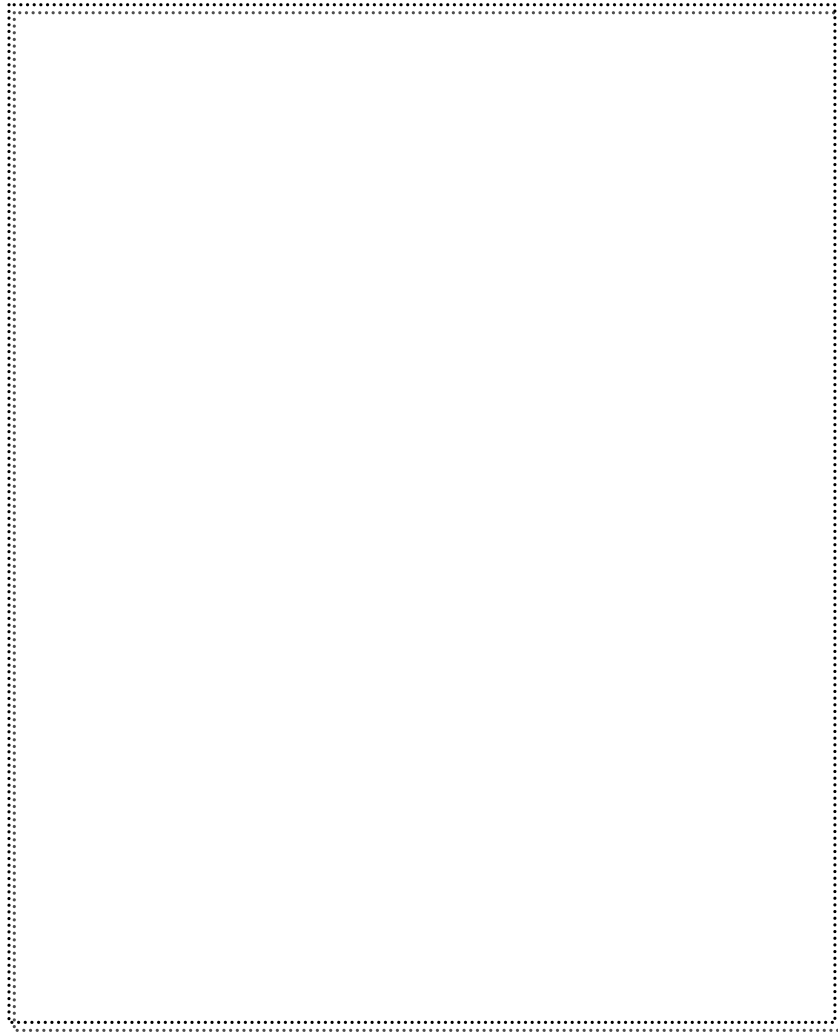
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Student's Signature

Date

1. List three interesting facts about UF, CALS, and/or IFAS. Write them around the outside parameter of this page.
  2. Approximately how many undergraduate and graduate students are currently enrolled in CALS? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a 4x6 photo/headshot of yourself here.



# Record of Volunteer Service

## Section 1—VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Attach proof of age if volunteer is under the age of 18*

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Mailing Address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Have you ever pleaded "nolo contendere" (no contest) to or been convicted or found guilty (even if adjudication withheld) of a first degree misdemeanor or a felony?  Yes\*  No

\*If yes, please list the date: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense and disposition (please explain fully): \_\_\_\_\_

As a volunteer, I agree to abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the University of Florida and guidelines of this unit and to fulfill the volunteer responsibilities to the best of my ability. I understand that I will receive no monetary benefits in return for the volunteer service I provide and that the university may terminate this agreement at any time without prior notice.

**Volunteer's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I grant my permission for him/her to participate as an unpaid volunteer for the University of Florida. I further acknowledge that I have completed the Authorization for Treatment form on his/her behalf.*

**Parent/guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name Signature Date

## Section 2—TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUPERVISOR

Department where volunteer will work: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor responsible for volunteer's work: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and title

Supervisor's phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the work the volunteer is expected to perform:

Volunteer's qualifications to perform this work: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer work will begin \_\_\_\_\_ and end \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer's references: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Relationship to volunteer	Phone #
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Supervisor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_