The Winthrop University New Start Ambassador program consists of students who serve as representatives of the University at officially designated events. New Start Ambassadors have several important roles. They serve as a resource for prospective students, provide input and assistance to the New Start program and act as representatives of Winthrop’s nontraditional student body.

Ambassadors are required to attend training sessions, monthly meetings, give campus tours (approximately two per semester), provide assistance at Preview Days (approximately four per year), and represent the nontraditional student body at University functions.

The Winthrop University New Start Ambassador program was designed as a subset of the Winthrop University Ambassador program to provide an opportunity for nontraditional students to be part of a prestigious organization whose membership is carefully selected and reflects the high caliber and good academic standing of the Winthrop University community. The Winthrop University Ambassador program has been an active part of the Winthrop community since 1976. Not only are the selection criteria one of the highest of any organization on campus, but members must also meet certain guidelines each semester to maintain membership.

New Start Ambassadors must:
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Have a strong loyalty to Winthrop University
- Have a strong commitment to the Ambassador program
- Have superior communication skills
- Have an outgoing personality
- Be dependable
- Be responsible and mature
- Enjoy working with people
- Be aware of current campus events

In order to be considered for the program, you must:

☐ Return your completed application to the New Start Office (212 Tillman) by Friday, November 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

☐ Ensure your faculty/staff recommendation is completed and returned to the New Start Office (212 Tillman) by Friday, November 12, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.

Selected applicants will receive an email asking them to schedule interviews during business hours November 15-17. If invited to interview, applicants will be given a short quiz. The questions will come from information that will be sent with the email.

Please call Tracy Hudson at 803/323-2106 if you have any questions about the New Start Ambassador program or the application process.
New Start Ambassador Application

Last name: ___________________________ First name: ___________________________

Preferred name: ___________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ____________________________________________

Email address: ___________________________

Major: ___________________________ Minor: ___________________________

Cumulative GPA: ___________________________ Graduation Date: ___________________________

Projected time commitments for 2010-2011 (school, home, work, community service, other):
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

List two reasons you’d like to be a New Start Ambassador:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Describe yourself in three words: ____________________________________________

Describe Winthrop in three words: ____________________________________________

Describe your biggest weakness: ____________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Each application must be accompanied by a recommendation (form attached). Both documents must be received in the New Start office by Friday, November 12, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. Applicants will be notified of interview schedules via email. Interviews will be conducted November 15-17, 2010.

New Start Ambassadors
New Start Program
212 Tillman
803/323-2106
fax: 803/323-2378
email: hudsont@winthrop.edu
This reference is part of the application for the Winthrop New Start Ambassador program. New Start Ambassadors represent the University at officially designated events such as New Start Open Houses, Preview Days, receptions, etc. Ambassadors should possess an outgoing personality and superior communication skills, dependability, responsibility, maturity, and strong loyalty to Winthrop University.

The student should complete the first section, sign, and give or send this form to the evaluator. The evaluator should submit the form to the Office of Admissions. If needed, the evaluator may submit additional information.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT:
Reference for: ________________________________

(Student Name)

To Be Completed By: ________________________________

(Faculty/Staff member’s name) (Position/Title)

Please check one:

o I authorize the release of a candid evaluation in the selection process. I understand that the material will be kept confidential, both from the public and myself, and I waive any right to access it that I may have by law. I further understand that Winthrop University does not require me to execute this waiver and is willing to review my application without such a waiver.

o I authorize the release of a candid evaluation, but I choose not to waive my right to examine the evaluation, should I wish to do so.

Student Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EVALUATOR:
How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? ________________________________

Please rate the applicant based on your observations:

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Would you want this student be the sole representative of your organization? (Circle) YES  NO

Evaluator Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________

EVALUATION MUST BE RETURNED TO 212 TILLMAN BY
Monday November 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

New Start Ambassadors
New Start Program
Contact: Tracy Hudson

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