



Ambassador Program

The SAGE Center is committed to providing a positive academic, cultural, and social environment where the LGBTQ+ community at Southern can learn, grow, and thrive. We help to cultivate inclusion through social and educational programming, advocacy, and support.

The SAGE Center Ambassador program was developed as a leadership opportunity for students to serve as peer educators to foster inclusion in our community around issues that affect LGBTQ students, faculty, and staff through a variety of mechanisms:

Speaking Engagements/ Facilitations- As our university becomes more inclusive, our faculty, staff, and students are increasingly becoming more intentional in their efforts to educate their students in the classroom, in the residence halls, and at various student events around campus. Student leaders, faculty and staff are able to request an Ambassador or group of Ambassadors to provide dialogue and facilitations around identity, the coming out process, homophobia, stereotypes, harassment/violence, and resources available on and off campus.

Drop-In Hour Shifts- Drop-in hours are designed to fulfill a variety of needs:

- To create opportunities for students to have peer conversations about LGBTQ issues in an informal setting.
- Assist SAGE Center guests with questions and making appropriate referrals.
- Provide assistance with daily operations of the SAGE Center.

Program Development- SAGE Ambassadors will aid in the creation of active and passive programs that will educate the Southern community around identity, the coming out process, homophobia, harassment/violence, and resources on and off campus.

Program Benefits

The SAGE Ambassador Program not only helps to educate our campus community, but it is an opportunity for students to enhance their resume with meaningful leadership skills, which include:

- Interpersonal Communication
- Written/Oral Communication
- Time Management
- Advocacy
- Community Organizing
- Critical Thinking/ Problem Solving
- Networking
- Program Planning and Implementation
- Social Justice

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Eligibility

- Applicants must be a matriculated student at Southern Connecticut State University
- SAGE Ambassador positions are contingent upon the successful completion of all training requirements
- SAGE Ambassadors will work up to 12 hours per week.
- Applicants must be Federal Work Study eligible.
- All position offers are made for the academic year.
- Applicants must have excellent time management and communication skills.
- All Ambassadors are required to participate in an employment review for continuing employment for subsequent years.

Compensation

- SAGE Ambassadors are paid an hourly rate of \$10.10
- SAGE Ambassadors work an average of 10-12 hours per week.

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To Apply

Please complete this form and submit to the SAGE Center in ASC 324. Applications for the SAGE Ambassador program will be reviewed on an on-going basis. A member of the SAGE Center staff will contact applicants with further information regarding the program.

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Major: _____ Credit Hours Completed: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Schedule

Please submit your weekly schedule, identifying any commitments that you have during the week including classes, meetings, work commitments, etc.

Essay Questions

Please type your response to the questions below in 500 words or less in a separate document to be submitted with your application:

1. Why are you interested in becoming a SAGE Center Ambassador?
2. What skills do you possess that would be of benefit in the Ambassador role?
3. What leadership opportunities have you been involved in that would prepare you for this role?

Please submit completed applications with essay questions and schedule to Jenna Retort at retortj1@southernct.edu or Olivia Carney at carneyo1@southernct.edu.

If you have any questions about the position or the application, please call the SAGE Center at 203.392.8989 or email Olivia Carney or Jenna Retort.