Selection Process and Timeline Spring 2019

1. General Interest Meetings
   Located in Student Union 62/63
   • Tuesday, February 19 at 8 p.m.
   • Wednesday, February 20 at 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
   • Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m.

2. Application Available
   Online at www.newpaltz.edu/orientation. You must attend a General Interest meeting or a brief meeting in Student Union 301 to apply online.

3. Application Deadline
   Online applications must be submitted by 12 p.m. (noon) on March 1. When your application has been received, you will be e-mailed information to schedule your interview. (The two reference forms must be sent directly from the people completing them by March 15).

4. First Round Interview (All applicants)
   Scheduled around your classes from March 4–15

   The following are by invitation only

5. Group Process Day (Attendance required)
   Friday afternoon, April 5, 3:30–6 p.m.
   Lecture Center 102

6. Second Round Interviews
   (For ~20 finalists)
   April 9–12 (Other applicants will be notified by e-mail on April 8)

7. Final Decision
   Finalists notified by April 15

SAVE THE DATE!
   Congratulatory Lunch/Mandatory Meeting at the College Terrace! Friday, April 26, 12–6 p.m.

What past Orientation Leaders are saying...

“I learned how to live and work with a group of people with personalities and qualities different than mine.”

“I have become more confident in myself... I walk proudly these days knowing what I accomplished over the summer.”

“To be an Orientation Leader is an immensely rewarding experience. I will forever be affected as a person because of it.”

“You learn and grow so much throughout the summer, I can’t imagine who I would be without this experience.”

“Being an OL means being a role model who paves a path of successful experiences for incoming students.”

Questions?
   Visit the SUNY New Paltz OL Recruitment 2019 Facebook page or e-mail studev@newpaltz.edu
   The Center for Student Development
   Student Union 301
   845-257-3088

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ORIENTATION LEADER — AND — PEER MENTOR EXPERIENCE 2019–2020
Responsibilities
Act, Work, Assist, Prepare, Serve… Lead.
• Attend all application and training programs
• Act as a representative of the State University of New York, promoting a positive image of yourself, the program and the University
• Work as a member of a large team of students, staff and faculty
• Fully prepare for the arrival of students and family members by setting up residence hall buildings and preparing rooms for guests each week
• Assist staff and faculty advisors by providing an efficient, personalized method of advising, course selection and registration
• Lead small group sessions and acquaint visitors with campus services
• Serve as a residential peer counselor on a live-in basis for the overnight programs
• Act as a disciplinary official when necessary to assure compliance with College, local, state and national regulations
• Live in and attend all work-related days and evenings
• Follow all designated policies regarding guests and legal social behavior
• Earn an extra stipend as you round out the full year by serving as a Peer Mentor to your students (special projects to be announced including those listed under ‘Dates of Commitment’)
• Attend one staff meeting a month during the year (failure to attend these may result in a payroll deduction)
• All necessary duties as assigned by Orientation Staff

Salary and Benefits
$11.10/hr (29 hrs/week, approximately 7 weeks)
• Single room and meals provided throughout training and summer program sessions (a $2,500 value)
• An additional $500 stipend during the 2019–2020 school year
• Staff shirts and materials are provided
• Gain great leadership experience, learn a lot about the campus and its services and network with professional staff and faculty
• Spend the summer in New Paltz!
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Qualifications
Be a current full-time, matriculated New Paltz student who will be returning to campus for the Fall 2019–Spring 2020 academic year
• A cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.75 at the time you apply, and a 2.75 Cumulative GPA at the end of the Spring 2019 semester
• Be in good disciplinary standing at the end of Spring 2019
• Not planning to take summer courses in 2019
• Have completed one full semester at New Paltz
• Have an active Co-Curricular transcript
• Have a desire to learn how to work with groups of people

Notes: You do not have to live on-campus in the academic year to be an OL. Living on campus in June and July is required.

Dates of Commitment
June 7 – July 27 (with designated days off)
August 20 – August 25
International Orientation; Week of Welcome; Convocation
One monthly staff meeting (time TBA)
September | Reunion Pizza Party
September 28 | Parent’s Weekend (8 a.m. – 10 p.m.)
October | Open House (Saturday TBA)
November/December | TBD
January | International Orientation and Welcome Back Weekend (additional earnings)
February | OL General Interest Meetings/serve on panel
March/April | Two Admissions Accepted Students Day (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturdays TBA)
May | OL/Peer Mentor Recognition Event
Ongoing | Two times per month inviting students to events you are attending, staffing first-year programming events

Just a few words to describe the role of an Orientation Leader to a first year student during the summer and throughout the academic year. Orientation Leaders, commonly known as OLs, are an integral part of every first year student’s success on the New Paltz campus. As one of the first faces that a new student comes to know, OLs are ‘goodwill ambassadors’ trained to help an incoming first-year student feel comfortable about their new “home away from home”.

Each Orientation Leader is carefully trained to help make a new student’s adjustment easier. On top of showing students around, the OL helps students feel more comfortable about the college transition by answering their questions about college and college life, helping them bond with other students through a series of activities, and making sure they have a schedule that works for them.

After Orientation is over, an OL is still an active part of their students’ lives. For the rest of the school year, the OL acts as a Peer Mentor for their students. An Orientation Leader/Peer Mentor is at once a contact, a friend, a role model and a source of support for first-year students when they are needed.