Dear Applicant:

Thank you for showing a desire to become involved with one of the most prestigious student organizations on campus.

The Student Alumni Associates (SAA) of the College of Charleston was organized during the fall semester of 1984 under the direction of past Alumni Director, Tony Meyer. Over the years the Associates have continued their work with the College and have expanded in membership number as well as in support by working with the President’s Office, Alumni Association and fellow student organizations.

Today, SAA is a major contributor to the College of Charleston community by upholding our most cherished traditions and engaging both students and alumni in a variety of campus activities. As the official student marshals for the College, SAA represents our student body at all major campus events.

Please read the following pages carefully for instructions as well as for the qualifications and requirements to be a member of Student Alumni Associates.

If you have any questions regarding Student Alumni Associates or your application, please contact SAA’s advisor, Ryan Small, at the office of Alumni Relations at 843-953-1833 or smallr@cofc.edu.

GO COUGARS!

Mimi Striplin ‘14                     Rudy Baldus ‘14
President, Student Alumni Associates  Vice-President, Student Alumni Associates

Ryan Small ‘01                     Barney Holt ‘74
Assistant Director of Alumni Relations  Property Management
Advisor, Student Alumni Associates        Advisor, Student Alumni Associates
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MISSION

The purpose of the Student Alumni Associates shall be to promote the College of Charleston’s image and stimulate the interest and participation of the undergraduates in the progression of the College of Charleston.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

a) To foster a desire among students to support the College and to stimulate interest and concern for its well-being
b) To explain to all students, especially new students, the purposes, benefits and activities of the Alumni Association, and to show students ways in which they can support the College following graduation
c) To identify specific needs of students as they prepare for graduation, and to develop programs which will assist them in making the transition from students to alumni
d) To develop and execute service-oriented programs, which will enable students to contribute to the efforts of the Alumni Association, the Development Office, the College, and the community
e) To engage and educate students and the campus community in the history and traditions of the College of Charleston

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at time of application
2. Must be enrolled at College of Charleston as a full-time student (i.e. twelve or more credit hours)
3. Complete and submit this application to the office of Alumni Relations in the Blacklock House located at 18 Bull Street.
4. Must participate in an interview conducted by members of Student Alumni Associates

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5
2. Have pride in the College of Charleston and be willing to further the goals of Student Alumni Associates
3. Adhere to the College and SAA Code of Conduct you will receive if selected as a new member.
4. Complete the required amount of events per semester and participate as a marshal in Convocation and either December or May Commencement. No exceptions.
5. Pay the one-time new member fee and then an annual fee for each additional year in SAA.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the entire application, using blue or black ink, or by typing your responses. Submit all completed application materials, including recommendation forms, to the Alumni Relations Office at Blacklock House, 18 Bull Street.
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Student ID number: ____________________________ Gender: __________________

Local Address: _______________________________________________________

Permanent Address: ___________________________________________________

Phone Number: _______________________________________________________

T-Shirt Size: ____________________________ Polo shirt size: ______________

CofC e-mail address: ___________________________________________________

Personal e-mail address: _______________________________________________

Preferred contact method:       Phone ☐          E-mail ☐

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current year in school: _______________ Anticipated Graduation date: __________

Academic major: _______________________________________________________

Academic minor: _______________________________________________________

Cumulative GPA: ____________________ (freshmen provide high school GPA and scale)

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (list additional involvement on back side of application)

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SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (Please type your answers on a separate sheet.)

1. How did you hear about the Student Alumni Associates?

2. What are your personal interests or talents?

3. What do you feel you can contribute to Student Alumni Associates?

4. Describe why you choose to attend College of Charleston and why you are proud to be a College of Charleston Cougar?

5. Tradition and loyalty are two very important words to the mission of SAA, the Alumni Association, and the College. Why are these words so important to the success of these groups?
FINAL QUESTIONS

1. Do you have any family members who are CofC alumni?

2. Do you work and if so how often?

3. Do you know any current or past SAA’s?

APPLICATION AGREEMENT

- I certify that all the answers contained in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.
- I have read and understand the mission, goals, and objectives of Student Alumni Associates.
- I have read and am familiar with the requirements and qualifications necessary to be a member of Student Alumni Associates.
- I acknowledge that if I am selected for membership in SAA, I am aware of my required attendance at:
  - MANDATORY Tuesday night meetings at 7:00pm, on a weekly basis.
  - Certain SAA events and retreats
  - Convocation and either December or May Commencement ceremonies. No exceptions.
  - 3 events my first semester as a member, and 6 events each following semester

SIGNATURE __________________________________________ DATE ____________________

Membership in the Student Alumni Associates will not be limited to persons based on their race, creed, national origin, sex, age, disability, or sexual orientation.