Elon University Eco-Reps Program

Program Description

Be part of a small team of students working to contribute to a more sustainable Elon! Eco-Reps are peer educators dedicated to furthering sustainability by promoting ways for students to adopt more environmentally and socially responsible behaviors. Eco-Reps educate their peers about environmental and sustainability issues through three primary outlets: Coordinating with Residence Life staff to incorporate sustainability themes or practices into residential programs; Delivering Sustainable Living lessons to Elon 101 and Global Studies courses as requested; and contributing to and promoting Office of Sustainability events.

Each Eco-Rep is responsible for communicating information about sustainability initiatives and activities to residents in their assigned neighborhood. When possible, Eco-reps are assigned to the neighborhood in which they live. This position is for the full academic year, but students studying abroad will be considered. Eco-Reps are expected to work 4-6 hours per week and are paid hourly.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Promote sustainable living in assigned neighborhood (this may be a different neighborhood from where you live)
- Collaborate with Assistant Directors (AD) and Residential Assistants (RA) to integrate sustainability themes or practices into existing residential neighborhood programs in assigned residential neighborhood.
- Attend a neighborhood residence life staff meeting at least once a month to communicate information about sustainability initiatives or activities, and to identify program partners
- Provide Sustainable Living Lessons as requested by faculty and staff for appropriate classes, such as Elon 101 and Global Studies
- Help design, promote and implement residential competitions around waste or energy reduction
- Collaborate with fellow Eco-Reps and interns to promote and implement campus sustainability education and outreach programs/events
- Collaborate with fellow Eco-Reps at weekly meetings
- Attend a weekend training from 3:30pm Friday, September 2 – 1pm Sunday, September 4

Qualifications

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Creativity, enthusiasm and positive attitude
- Understanding of event planning desirable but not required
- Understanding of details required to transform an idea into an action
- Self-directed
- Ability to inspire others to take action
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Ability to handle a variety of tasks, use good time management skills
- Ability to see projects through to completion
- Ability to be held accountable for own work
- Ability and passion for learning about sustainability topics and relating that information to peers
- Flexible schedule; able to work some evenings and weekends

**Benefits**
- Leadership and peer education skills
- Increased knowledge of topics related to sustainability
- The experience of working with other passionate students
- Contributing to Elon’s sustainability practices

**Eligibility**
To be eligible to apply applicants must have plans to be enrolled in the 2016 - 2017 academic year at Elon University and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

**To Apply**
Email the following documents to sustainability@elon.edu by 5pm on Thursday, March 31. Each document should be a separate attachment titled using this format: ‘Your last name_type of document’ (e.g. Bilecki_Resume).
- Eco-Rep Application Form
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Eco-Rep Interview Poll (this is not an email attachment. Complete the poll at the same time as you submit other application materials)

**What to Expect from the application process**
Successful applicants will be invited to an interview with the Education and Outreach Coordinator and another Eco-Rep (schedules permitting) on April 7 or 8. A second interview will take place April 13 or 14 with multiple applicants. The second interview is a College Coffee / Moseley table simulation.

**College Coffee / Moseley table simulation Guidelines**
Scenario: Imagine you have gotten the job as an Eco-Rep. It’s the beginning of the school year and you have a table at College Coffee, in your neighborhood or in Moseley. The purposes of having a table is to engage peers in habits that support sustainability and let people know what you can do for them as an Eco-Rep. You get to choose how to set up the table, which habit to promote and how to interact with participants.

Set up: This will take place in a classroom, with two desks serving as your table. Current Eco-Reps and Residence Life staff will be your ‘guests’.
Resources: If you wish to promote a promotional item into your display, here are items you may borrow from the Office of Sustainability: Frisbees, shower timers, reusable mugs, reusable water bottles, reusable utensils, reusable bags, Kill-a-Watt meters, I heart earth pins.