



# S.O.S. Application

Fall 2011

The volunteer members of *S.O.S.* (Sexual Offense Support) are seeking *women and men* interested in serving as Victim Advocates for survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking, as well as their family and friends. *S.O.S.* volunteers also present programs and lead discussion groups in the residence halls, classrooms, student organizations, high schools, etc. to dispel myths, misunderstanding, and miscommunication which surround the issues of rape, sexual assault, dating violence, and drug-facilitated rape. If you haven't studied rape or sexual offenses, that's ok; we provide training. We are looking for people who can listen to and understand the wide range of feelings that accompany these emotional issues, and convey that understanding back to others. Your participation will include being "on-call" to assist survivors through a 24-hour crisis service.

The application deadline is Friday, October 28, 2011 at 5:00pm. Please submit applications to Wellspring, 231 South College Avenue, or complete an online application at the *S.O.S.* website: [www.udel.edu/sos](http://www.udel.edu/sos). Applicants will be interviewed by current *S.O.S.* volunteers and you may be asked back for a second interview. Interviews will be conducted in early November or by special appointment as needed.

For ease in scheduling we ask that you write on your application the names of any *S.O.S.* members whom you already know; our goal being to arrange interviews with people who you don't yet know. Please allow a full hour for the interview. Interviews provide a casual opportunity for us to begin to get to know you and for you to ask any questions that you may have about *S.O.S.* Please note that often a second interview is requested.

Each applicant **must** be able to attend **all** training sessions to be considered for membership in the organization. Training occurs over two weekends during Winter Session and those dates are still being scheduled. Training will be held on campus; location and times will be confirmed upon new membership selection.

We thank you for your interest and we look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Angela Seguin by calling Wellspring at 831-3457, or stop by at 231 South College Avenue.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position or  
Classification \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a senior, will you be at UD or in the New Castle County area for an extra semester or year? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Current/Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_ Rm/Apt Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Session Address \_\_\_\_\_ WS Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(if known)

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The selection process for *SOS* will be comprehensive. We will screen applicants based upon the information you provide below. Therefore, please answer the questions with thought and care. A reminder that membership requires participation in *the entire training program*; dates are given on the cover letter.

1. Please list and describe any relevant courses, training, work, experience, outreach/educational/programming experience, organizational/group/club experiences, or related interests which you think would enhance your candidacy for *SOS* membership (ex: human sexuality knowledge, counseling courses, psychology courses, health training, listening skills training, etc.).
2. What unique qualifications could you as an individual bring to the *SOS* group?
3. Explain why you are interested in volunteering for *SOS*. What do you hope to gain from participation in the group?

4. What do you feel are some of the major causes of rape and sexual offense, including acquaintance and date rape?
  
5. What do you think are some of the reactions (feelings and needs) that a survivor of rape and sexual offense experiences?
  
6. Membership in *SOS* does, at times, involve and extensive commitment of your personal time and energy (bi-monthly meetings, educational programs, on-call survivor support services, special projects, training of new members). How does this expectation fit in with your priorities and time commitments this coming year? Are you able and willing to make the time commitment?
  
7. List two references below, **other than relatives or family friends**, who might be able to give us an *objective evaluation* of your candidacy.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Phone</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
1.		
2.		

**Names of *SOS* members you know.** (Any references made by current *SOS* members are always helpful)

Best of luck with the process, and our sincere thanks for your interest in *SOS*.