Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with MacEwan’s Office of Sexual Violence Prevention, Education and Response (OSVPER). OSVPER works to create a campus community and a world free of sexual violence. We offer training, events, and outreach to all MacEwan community members throughout the academic year, and provide support for members of our community who have been impacted by sexual violence. Our efforts are based on an anti-oppressive, survivor-centred, feminist analysis of sexual violence and a commitment to social justice.

The attached information package provides an overview of the MAVEN Peer Education Program, including MAVEN Peer Educator activities and responsibilities, eligibility, and application instructions. Please take the time to carefully read through this information to ensure that this volunteer opportunity is a fit for you and that you understand and are comfortable with OSVPER’s expectations.

Once you’ve read the information package and decided that you are interested in joining us for the 2020/21 academic year, please complete the MAVEN Peer Educator Application Form, which you can find online at MaceEwan.ca/SexualViolence. Please send the completed form to roxanne.runyon@macewan.ca. Applications are accepted beginning in February up until the application deadline of April 15th. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews beginning in March and continuing into the spring.

Thank you again for your interest in becoming part of the MAVEN team and contributing to a culture of consent at MacEwan. If you have any questions, please feel welcome to phone me at 780-497-4027 or to email me at roxanne.runyon@macewan.ca.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Runyon
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Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Coordinator
MacEwan University
What is MAVEN?

The MacEwan Anti-Violence Education Network (MAVEN) Peer Education Program offers MacEwan students a unique opportunity to become leaders in the field of sexual violence prevention, recognizing that students are powerful agents of social change. MAVEN Peer Educators receive comprehensive training on topics such as sexual assault, sexual harassment, consent, healthy relationships, bystander intervention, and anti-oppression, with a strong focus on public speaking and community engagement.

After completing training, MAVEN volunteers share their knowledge by providing education and outreach services to the campus community. This includes learning and facilitating a 50-minute workshop called *Creating a Culture of Consent* in classes throughout the year.

Eligibility

This volunteer opportunity is open to people of all genders who will be registered MacEwan University students during the 2020/21 school year. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older at the time of application. We are looking for empathetic, non-judgmental and committed individuals who want to contribute to the campus community in a meaningful way. We welcome applications from students with strong time-management skills, familiarity with campus life, willingness to learn new skills, and the desire to actively contribute to a world without violence.

MAVEN Peer Educator Requirements

- MAVEN Peer Educators are required to complete 52 hours of training in Fall 2020. *Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.* Below are the training dates for 2020/21:

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- Peer Educators are expected to regularly attend bi-weekly team meetings throughout the academic year, held on Monday afternoons from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.
- Peer Educators must be able to dedicate 5-15 hours per month to facilitating anti-sexual violence workshops and assisting with OSVPER outreach and awareness activities on campus.
- Peer Educators must be able to commit to both Fall and Winter semesters in the 2020/21 academic year.
Benefits of Becoming a MAVEN Peer Educator

- Develop in-depth knowledge about sexual violence and other forms of power-based interpersonal violence
- Develop skill and confidence in public speaking and workshop facilitation
- Learn to effectively communicate complex information to both small and large audiences
- Develop event planning and community engagement abilities
- Gain skills to support survivors of sexual violence
- Receive letters of recommendation on request
- Receive a co-curricular record of your volunteer service
- Build your resume for graduate school and/or employment
- Experience personal and professional growth
- Learn to advocate for social change
- Become part of the movement to build a campus and a world without sexual violence.

Selection Process

There are three steps in the selection process:

- Complete and submit the MAVEN Peer Educator application form no later than April 15th, 2020
- Short-listed applicants will be invited to take part in an interview with the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Coordinator, beginning in March. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.
- Successful candidates will be invited to attend our comprehensive volunteer training during August – September 2020.
- We will conclude training with individual exit interviews to confirm that there is a good fit between volunteers and the MAVEN program