Peer Advocates for Sexual Respect
Student Application

Background

Thank you for your interest in becoming an advocate with Olin’s Peer Advocates for Sexual Respect Program. Peer Advocates for Sexual Respect is a student organization at Olin dedicated to providing confidential support for survivors of sexual aggression, including assault, rape, harassment, stalking, and dating violence, and their allies. We train advocates to provide emotional support, educate survivors and allies about available resources, offer medical accompaniment, and support survivors through the process of reporting or disclosing to family and friends. If you have questions about the Peer Advocates Program, contact Kate Maschan at kate@students.olin.edu or Alison Black in OSL.

Responsibilities

Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates will commit to taking on the following responsibilities during their time as advocates:

- Participate in a one- to two-day training before the beginning of each semester (this would involve arriving to campus a day early)
- Be visible on campus as a peer advocate and resource
- Be an active bystander in your community and encourage others to do the same
- Be available as an advocate to Olin students seeking support for sexual aggression
- Attend bi-weekly meetings with other peer advocates
- Participate in Empower discussions and events

Applicant Information

Please fill out the following information about yourself.

Name: _____________________________________________

Major: ____________________________________________  Graduation Year: ________

Cell phone number: ________________________________  Residence Hall: ___________

Please list the campus clubs and organizations that you are involved with:

______________________________________________________________________________________
Initial Questions

Carefully consider the following questions and write your answers in the spaces provided. Answers should be concise and thoughtful.

**Question 1:** Why are you interested in being a peer advocate? What do you think you would bring to the peer advocate team?

**Question 2:** What is your impression of how sexual assault is currently handled at Olin? What is done well? What needs improvement?

**Question 3:** If you became a peer advocate, which types of students do you imagine would come to for support or with questions? Which types of students do you think probably would not come to you? Why?

Please return your completed application to Kate Maschan via email or in EH1NE or to Alison Black in OSL. Thank you again for your interest in being a peer advocate! We will be in touch soon to set up an interview.