The UND College of Engineering and Mines VESTS is a group of accomplished student volunteers who are enrolled in engineering or geoscience majors who have been selected to serve as representatives of the School of Engineering and Mines at various functions. VESTS members are required to participate in two events per semester and to complete one K-12 school activity per academic year. Events include prospective student tours, outreach activities, alumni activities, etc. School events include K-12 presentations re: engineering career panels, design project demonstrations, and visits to hometown schools to name a few.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Complete the application and professional references and return them to the UND Mechanical Engineering Outreach Office, Upson II Room 266. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

2. Complete an interview with the College of Engineering and Mines Outreach Coordinator and/or the Assistant Dean for Outreach and Recruiting.

3. Selection will be based on an assessment of your commitment to the program and your perceived ability to represent the UND College of Engineering and Mines in a positive, professional manner.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Successful VESTS applicants will possess the following skills and characteristics:

- Positive attitude about the University of North Dakota and the UND College of Engineering and Mines
- Excellent communication skills in one-on-one and group settings
- Knowledge of programs and services in the College of Engineering and Mines
- Understanding of the needs of potential students and their families
- Demonstrated potential for leadership ability
- Good organizational and time management skills
- Commitment to the VESTS program including attendance at events and training sessions

**BENEFITS**

VESTS receive:

- The satisfaction of serving as a role model for current and potential engineering and geosciences students
- Opportunities to represent UND and the College of Engineering and Mines to a variety of constituencies
- Chances to build friendships with other VESTS
- Free VESTS apparel and travel stipends for high school presentations
- A letter of recommendation and professional reference from the Dean of the UND College of Engineering and Mines after successfully completing at least one year in the VESTS program
VESTS Application

Please return the completed application and two (2) references to the UND Mechanical Engineering Outreach Office, Upson II Room 266

Name:

Phone:  EMPL#:

Current UND Address, City, St & Zip:

E-mail Address:

Cumulative GPA:

Class:  FR  SO  JR  SR  GR (circle one)

Major:  CE  ChE  EE  GE  Geo  EGeo  ME  PE

Please list the extra-curricular activities you have participated in at UND (you may attach a co-curricular transcript).

Please list any campus leadership positions you have held.

ACCESS TO RECORDS WAIVER

I, _______________ (print your name), hereby give my consent to the College of Engineering and Mines to review my University records to verify that I am an enrolled student at UND, not on academic or conduct probation, and am eligible for the VESTS position. I understand this information will be kept confidential.

Signature_________________________________           Date_____________
Please answer the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be a VESTS volunteer? What are two skills or characteristics you possess that would make you a great VESTS volunteer?

2. VESTS serve as role models to students in addition to serving as representatives of UND Engineering. What makes you a good role model?

3. Commitment plays a large role in making a volunteer organization successful. Give examples of how you have demonstrated commitment either in personal or professional settings.

4. Imagine yourself as a potential student interested in the UND College of Engineering and Mines. What two questions or concerns will most affect your decision of whether or not to attend UND?

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