How to Apply to PIT

PIT is a program for students who have proven themselves as exemplary citizens within their high school and home communities and now want to take the first step toward becoming contributing members of the F&M and Lancaster communities. We encourage all first-year students to apply.

Online Application
All applications must be submitted online at: www.fandm.edu/ware/pit

The application includes:

- Contact information as well as high school activities, personal interests, hobbies and other activities you would like to share.
- A personal essay, no more than 500 words in length, stating why you want to be part of PIT, what you think you will bring to the program, and what you hope to learn.
- A way for you to indicate your top two team preferences.
- A way for you to indicate your wish to be considered for a scholarship to PIT.

Deadlines, Cost, Restrictions

- Application Period: May 15 through June 15. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- PIT is open only to first-year students.
- All applicants will be notified of their status by the end of June.
- The program fee of $250 is to be paid after you have been notified of your acceptance into the program. This fee includes room, board and all activities.
- A limited number of scholarships are available, based on financial need, determined by the Financial Aid office. You can indicate a request for a scholarship on the application.

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PIT Advisors assist with move in.

“Driving down to F&M as a first-year, I remember being anxious about finding my place on campus. My experience in PIT gave me the confidence to step out of my comfort zone and try new things. I have grown as a student, friend and leader because of PIT and the PIT advisors, and my hope is that PIT can do the same for you!”

— Rebecca Jacoby ’18
PIT Planning Intern

Questions? Email rjacoby@fandm.edu
The schedule below gives you an idea of how students will spend their time during **PIT**. While the majority of each day will be different for each team due to the nature of the service projects, the on-campus and social events in the evenings are shared by all teams. Please note that the individual service projects are subject to change depending on availability and community needs.

**Move In Day**

9:00 Move-in: PIT Advisors (PAs) help you move into your room.

12:00 Lunch: On your own

2:00 Mini Convocation with families

3:30 PIT officially begins!

6:30 Hangin’ with the College Houses: You’ll learn more about the College Houses, team service projects, and about each other!

8:00 Bowling Night! This annual group event is filled with fun and friendly competition!

**Days 2-4**

8:00 Breakfast

8:30 Team members gather to travel to their service projects for the day.

4:30 Return to Campus

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Fun evening activities for everyone such as:

- Scavenger Hunts
- Color Wars
- Laserdome
- Movie Night

**Service Teams**

Through all service projects, participants will learn about the needs in the local community, the work of outstanding community-focused organizations and how students can be involved.

Are you a good listener? Join the **Friends for Life** team to spend some quality time enjoying crafts and other activities with senior citizens at local retirement communities.

Are you passionate about access to healthy foods? Join the **Lighten Up Lancaster** team in support of local food banks, community gardens and spend a day with vendors at Lancaster’s Central Market.

Are you interested in the environment? Then get dirty with the **Clean Air, Clean Water** team as they work outside at F&M’s Millport Conservancy or at other preserves focusing on trail maintenance and environmental stewardship.

Do you enjoy working with paintbrushes and hammers? Join the **Building Lancaster** team to participate in renovation projects that make homes warmer, safer and drier.

Do you enjoy being creative? Join the **Art for Everyone** group to support various initiatives in Lancaster where art is a tool to build community.