The Friends of the Presidents (FOP) Chair is a class’s primary fundraising volunteer for soliciting leadership-level gifts for the Skidmore Fund.

Responsibilities

- Lead the way! Set an example and make an FOP-level gift or pledge by December 31.
- Author FOP appeal fundraising letters in the spring and fall (with support of Skidmore Fund staff).
- Be active in class Reunion planning, especially in the area of setting and achieving goals for Reunion Gift.
- Select 8-10 classmates annually whom you’ll personally ask to make an FOP-level commitment.
  - Note that while Fund Chairs and Class Agents do their outreach during specific times, you might be on a different timetable due to the nature of leadership giving.
- Use the online fundraising tool to track your progress and report your outreach results.
- Participate in periodic class conference calls and - usually brief - training webinars.
- Thank donors.
- Optional: If you’re a Facebooker/Twitterer/Instagrammer/Redditor/blogger, use social media to encourage giving and share news about Skidmore. Help us stay at the top of news feeds!
- Keep an ear to the ground and let us know if your classmates are up to anything of note. We’re always looking for interesting alumni stories to highlight.
- Don’t be a stranger. Our job as Skidmore Fund staff is to make sure that YOU feel great about being a volunteer. If you ever have any questions or concerns, give us a shout.

Time Commitment

- Approximately four minutes each fall to make your own gift or pledge.
- Average three to five monthly hours of volunteer work from September through May.

Note: For FOP Chairs who wish to be involved more deeply or on a broader scale, the National FOP Committee provides the opportunity to help guide the College’s overall leadership donor program.