

SPECIAL INTEREST HOUSING APPLICATION "CHOOSE YOUR OWN THEME"

Worcester Polytechnic Institute 2009-2010

Please type or print the following information. **The deadline to submit an application is Friday, February 13th.** When you turn in your application, you will need to schedule an interview time. All interviews must be completed by 3pm on Monday, February 16, 2009. Please return the completed application to the Office of Residential Services and schedule an interview.

All applicants for special interest housing need to pay a \$100.00 housing deposit by February 5th, 2009.

I. GROUP CONTACT INFORMATION

Group Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Permanent Address: _____ Permanent Phone #: (____) _____

Local Address: _____ Local Phone #: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR THEMED COMMUNITIES

- All house residents must attend a seminar on "How to Plan a Successful Program" which will be presented by the house RA in A term.
- Each themed house will provide 1 program in the 2009-2010 academic year which relates to their chosen theme and is open to the campus community
 - A program planning form must be completed for this program at least 2 weeks in advance if funding is needed.
 - This program must be completed no later than April 16, 2010.
 - An evaluation for this program must be completed by the residents of the house and submitted to the Office of Residential Services no later than April 23, 2010.
- Each themed house resident will take an active role in planning a minimum of 1 program in the house.
- Each house will work together to complete one community service project of their own choosing.
- Each themed house will be assigned a Resident Advisor who will work in conjunction with the Office of Residential Services to provide support to the community. Funding will be provided based on availability.

III. PROPOSAL

Proposals for groups should be limited to no more than five (5) pages. Responses need not be in narrative form (if a list works, by all means use it!) It is important to include **only** the information requested below and pertinent to the residence aspect of your group.

Proposal must include the following:

1. A cover sheet (provided) attached to the front of the proposal.
2. A description of the theme, goals and purposes of the group.
3. An explanation of why it is beneficial for the group to live together in Special Interest Group housing, beyond mere convenience, in order to achieve your objectives.
4. A **brief** discussion of the ways the group can contribute to the larger campus community.
5. A list of names and signatures of students committed to residing in the Learning Community **plus** the names and signatures of alternatives.

IV. INTERVIEW

Schedule an interview with Kristin Murphy, Assistant Director of Residential Services. This interview is likely to last only 15 minutes and is used to assess the quality of the proposal for the theme of the house. **Only the Group Contact and one other representative from the group needs to be present at this interview.** This interview is to occur no later than 3pm on Monday, February 16, 2009. **Applications must be completed prior to the interview.**

