University of Rochester
Neighborhood Ambassador (NA) Program
Position Description 2016 - 2017

The Off Campus Living Program, a part of the Office for Residential Life and Housing Services, has created the Neighborhood Ambassador Program in an effort to assist UR students with their transition to off campus living. This program will assign successful off campus students to selected streets in the neighborhoods where UR students choose to live. Neighborhood Ambassadors will provide a point of contact for the student residents on their assigned streets, provide access to community resources and build community in order to ease the transition to off campus living. This program is intended to increase the overall achievement and satisfaction of students living in the neighborhoods adjacent to the University, provide a leadership opportunity for returning off campus students, and assist in building better relations with long-term residents.

Participating Areas:
- 19th Ward Area – Genesee Street, Genesee Park Blvd up to Brooks Landing Area
- PLEX Area – S. Plymouth Ave, Barton Street up to Gandhi Center
- Southwedge Area – Ford Street, Mount Hope Avenue, Averill Avenue, Gregory Street, Hickory Street up to South Avenue
- Strong Memorial Hospital, College Town, Mount Hope, White Coat Village Area – Mount Hope Avenue up to E. Henrietta Road

Requirements:
- Junior, senior or grad standing by Fall 2016
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50
- No current academic or non-academic sanctions
- Must live in one of the participating areas during the 2016/17 academic year
- Willingness to commit to participation (including training) for the entire 2016/17 academic year

Compensation:
- $1,000 per academic year; $500 per semester
- $200 per semester will be provided for programming

Responsibilities (averaging 5 hours per week):
- Be a positive leader in the off-campus community
- Function as an advocate for students
- Serve as a resource for students about off-campus housing issues and encourage students to use campus and community resources
- Be familiar with University resources and refer students appropriately
- Be visible and represent UR positively in the community
- Contribute to a communication system for off-campus students which includes periodically disseminating information door-to-door and electronically
- Communicate with neighbors and promote positive student/neighbor relations
- Attend periodic neighborhood association, Landlord Council meetings and any other identified meeting that requires off campus student representation
- Create and run at least two block/street programs per semester
- Participate in one group or individual service project per semester
- Participate in required trainings
- Semi-monthly meeting with the Off Campus Living Coordinator; monthly staff meeting

Interested?
Complete the attached application and return it to the Office for Residential Life and Housing Services, 020 Gates (SBA Halls), fax to (585) 276-1886 or email to offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu by June 3, 2016.
If you are interested in becoming a Neighborhood Ambassador (NA) for the 2016 – 2017 academic year, you must complete this application and return it, along with a copy of your resume and a list of references (2), to the Office for Residential Life and Housing Services, 020 Gates (SBA Halls), fax to (585) 276-1886 or email to offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu.

Applications are due to the Office for Residential Life and Housing Services by 5:00 PM on Friday, June 3rd, 2016.

Please Print or Type

Name:_____________________________________________________
   (Last)                                             (First)
Class Year:_____________________
Student ID#:_________________________ College/Major:_________________________ Cum GPA:__________
Phone#:_____________________________ Email Address:_____________________________________________
Current Local Address:________________________________________________________________________________
Fall 2016 Local Address:________________________________________________________________________________

Please respond to the following on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Why are you interested in applying to be a Neighborhood Ambassador?

2. What qualities or skills do you possess that would help you be a successful Neighborhood Ambassador?

3. Describe what you feel are three key issues facing UR students living off campus.

4. Describe how you would try to motivate off campus students to take an active part in creating a cooperative and respectful community with long-term residents.

5. List any leadership/volunteer experience, including any leadership role you hold or have held.
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Reference Form

(Name of Applicant)

The student named above is applying for a Neighborhood Ambassador position with the Office for Residential Life and Housing Services at the University of Rochester. NAs are responsible for serving as a resource, disseminating information, helping solve problems, and coordinating programs for students within designated off-campus neighborhoods. NAs are expected to create inclusive off-campus neighborhoods that enhance personal growth and support the mission of The College. This position involves a high level of maturity exhibited in sound judgment, emotional stability, flexibility, self-discipline, strong communication and interpersonal skills and a willingness to accept responsibility. The Neighborhood Ambassador is a key member of the Residential Life Staff team.

By signing, the applicant has agreed that this reference is confidential. The applicant will not have access to the information and comments provided by you.

Applicant Signature ___________________________

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT
1.) How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

2.) Please comment on this student’s personal qualities (flexibility, judgment, ability to express him/herself verbally, self-confidence, level of maturity).

3.) Do you believe the applicant would be an appropriate role model for students living off-campus? Please explain.
4.) How does this student interact with diverse groups?

5.) Please comment on the student’s leadership abilities (potential, willingness to assume responsibility, assertiveness, willingness to confront others, team work).

6.) Please comment on this student’s strengths/weaknesses if not included above.

7.) Is there any additional information you feel would be helpful?

Name: __________________________________ Title: _________________________________
Signature: _______________________________ Date: _________________________________
Phone Number: __________________________

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

PLEASE RETURN THIS REFERENCE TO: OFF CAMPUS HOUSING COORDINATOR, OFFICE FOR RESIDENTIAL LIFE & HOUSING SERVICES, 020 GATES WING (SBA), BOX 270468.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN June 3, 2016