The Off Campus Living Program, under the guidance of the Office for Residential Life and Housing Services, created the Neighborhood Ambassador Program in an effort to assist UR students with their transition to off campus living. This Program assigns experienced off campus students to selected streets in the neighborhoods where UR students choose to live. Neighborhood Ambassadors 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 neighborhood residents.

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

Requirements:
- Junior, senior or graduate standing by Fall 2020. Graduate students may apply
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50
- No current academic or non-academic sanctions
- Residence in one of the participating areas during the 2020-2021 academic year
- Willingness to commit to participation (including mandatory trainings) for the entire 2019/20 academic year
- Attendance required at Fall and Spring Training. (Due to Covid-19, some or all of this training may be virtual.)

Compensation:
- $1,500 stipend per academic year; $750 stipend per semester
- $200 per semester will be provided for programming

Responsibilities (averaging 5-6 hours per week): (Due to Covid-19, responsibilities may be adjusted following guidance from the University regarding social distancing protocols).
- Be a leader in the off-campus community by remaining visible and representing UR positively
- Lead and participate in Educational Workshops for Off-Campus Students and Neighborhood Association presentations.
- Function as an advocate and serve as a resource for students regarding off-campus housing issues, including mediation, and encourage students to use campus and community resources
- Be familiar with University resources and refer students appropriately
- 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 community events
- Plan and participate in group or individual service projects
- Attend mandatory trainings, general staff meetings, team meetings, and one-on-one meetings with the Off Campus Living Coordinator

Interested?
Please email offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu with any questions. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
Please email to inquire about current openings.
If you are interested in becoming a Neighborhood Ambassador (NA) for the 2020-2021 academic year, you must complete this application and return it, along with a copy of your resume and a list of references (2), by email to offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu. Please also have your two references complete and submit the Reference Form by email—be sure to sign the form in the appropriate spot before submitting to your references.

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Please Print or Type

Name:___________________________________________________
   (Last)                                           (First)

Student ID#:_________________________             College/Major:_________________________             Cum GPA:__________

Phone#:_________________________________             Email Address:_________________________________

Current Local Address (or your address from the 2019-2020 school year):
___________________________________________________________________________________

Fall 2020 Local Address:
___________________________________________________________________________________

T-Shirt Size: __________

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.
University of Rochester
Neighborhood Ambassador Program
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 AND FOR RETURNING THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE RETURN THIS REFERENCE TO:
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