### University of Rochester Neighborhood Ambassador (NA) Program

Position Description 2018 - 2019

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:**

- 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Area Genesee Street, Genesee Park Blvd up to Brooks Landing Area
- PLEX Area S. Plymouth Ave, Barton Street
- South Wedge Area Ford Street, Mount Hope Avenue, Averill Avenue, Gregory Street, Hickory Street up to South Avenue

 Strong Area - College Town, White Coat Village Area, Mount Hope Avenue up to E. Henrietta Road.

### **Requirements:**

- Junior, senior or graduate standing by Fall 2018. 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 2018/19 academic year
- Willingness to commit to participation (including mandatory trainings) for the entire 2018/19 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 leader in the off-campus community by remaining visible and representing UR positively
- Function as an advocate for students
- Serve as a resource for students regarding off-campus housing issues 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
- Attend general staff meetings, team meetings, and one-on-one meetings with the Off Campus Living Coordinator

### 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 <a href="mailto:offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu">offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu</a> by <a href="mailto:August 15">August 15</a>, 2018.

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Application 2018 - 2019

If you are interested in becoming a Neighborhood Ambassador (NA) for the 2018 – 2019 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 <a href="mailto:offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu">offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu</a>.

Applications are due to the Office for Residential Life and Housing Services by 5:00 PM on August 15, 2018.

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Name:		Class Year:	
(Last)	(First)		
Student ID#:	College/Major:		Cum GPA:
Phone#:	Email Address:		
Current Local Address:			
Fall 2018 Local Address:			

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

Please Print or Tyne

- 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 gro	oups?
5.) Please comment on the student's leadership ab assertiveness, willingness to confront others, tean	oilities (potential, willingness to assume responsibility, n work).
6.) Please comment on this student's strengths/we	eaknesses if not included above.
7.) Is there any additional information you feel wo	uld 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 August 15, 2018