

Governors State University

Department of University Housing

Resident Assistant Application For the 2016-17 academic year

Thank you for your interest in the Resident Assistant position. We are currently selecting students for the RA position and to serve as alternates in the event that selected RA candidates are not able to fulfill their roles and responsibilities. Please familiarize yourself with the application process before submitting your materials. If you have any questions, please contact us at housing@govst.edu or 708.235.7110.

Minimum Qualifications

In order to be eligible for the RA position or RA Alternate status, candidates must:

- Have completed at least two (2) semesters as an enrolled student at GSU or any other institution of higher education with at least part-time enrollment status (at time of employment in Fall 2016). Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply.
- Be enrolled for at least six credit hours/semester at time of employment
- Maintain at least a 2.3 cumulative grade point average and a 2.3 semester grade point average.
- Maintain good student conduct standing.
- Must have a passion for serving the GSU Community.
- Candidates must be available to reside on the GSU campus for the entire 2016-2017 Academic Year. Candidates who will not be present on the GSU campus for both the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters (due to December 2016 course completion, study abroad, internship or any other reason) are not eligible to apply for an RA position.
- Pass a criminal background and judicial history check.

Compensation

- Free room in a four-bedroom single occupancy apartment (value of \$3,934 per semester)
- \$500/semester on myONECARD to be used for purchases wherever the myONECARD is accepted
- \$500/semester Meal Plan on the myONECARD to be used at the cafeteria or C-store
- Additional stipend for work done during breaks

Application Submission Instructions

A completed application packet includes this application and required essays, three references, cover letter and résumé. Two of the three references must be from someone at GSU or your prior institution (if you are a new transfer student). The cover letter and resume must be professional and in correct format. The cover letter will explain your interest in becoming a Resident Assistant and briefly relate your own skills and experiences to the “Roles and Responsibilities” of an RA. For assistance with a cover letter or resume, please contact the GSU Career Services at 708.235.3974 or career@govst.edu.

SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION (please write legibly)

Name _____ Nickname _____
Last First MI

Gender _____ GSU ID _____ GSU Email Address _____

Permanent Address _____ Cell Phone () _____
_____ Home Phone () _____

Present Classification: Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____

How many semesters have you completed at GSU? _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____
***You must hold a cumulative GPA of 2.30 or higher at the time of the application and employment**

AVAILABILITY

Are you available to work during the break periods? Please check all that apply:

___ Winter Break (Dec 11, 2016-Jan 17, 2017) ___ Spring Break (March 13 - March 19, 2017)

___ Summer Break (May 7 - May 15, 2017)

ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Please indicate any organizations or activities that you plan to be involved in during the 2016-17 academic year. **Please note the time commitment required if you plan on continuing this activity while being an RA.**

Organization/Activity	Leadership Position	Hours/Week
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Candidate Communication and Questions

The Selection Committee will communicate with applicants via their GSU email address.

ESSAY

Please respond to the following questions on a separate piece of paper. Limit your responses to a total of two (2) pages.

1. Why do you want to serve as a Resident Assistant and how will you use your skills and talents to have a positive impact on the lives of resident students?
2. Recognizing that our residential community will be rich in diversity (cultural, religious, racial, sexual orientation and gender diversity- to name a few), how would you foster a community that recognizes and appreciates these differences?

REFERENCES

Please provide the attached reference form to three people who will serve as your references. An ideal reference is someone who can highlight your abilities as they relate to the Resident Assistant position. It is recommended that at least two of the three references come from the GSU community or your previous institution (if you are a new transfer student). Family members and relatives MAY NOT complete the reference form for you. **Please note that you will collect the reference forms in sealed envelopes and return them with your completed application. References should not return the forms directly to the Department of University Housing.**

Thank you again for your interest in the Resident Assistant position in the Department of University Housing.

For more information: <http://www.govst.edu/housing> or 708.235.7110

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RESIDENT ASSISTANT APPLICANT REFERENCE FORM

FOR THE CANDIDATE

Student Name _____
 Last First MI

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Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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Reference's Ratings of the Candidate

Please rate this candidate on the indicators listed below based on your interaction with him/her.

Personal Traits	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
Poise, openness, pleasantness					
Sound decision making, open-mindedness					
Integrity					
Acceptance of cultural and lifestyle differences					

Comments:

Social Skills	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
Cooperativeness (positive attitude, supportive, teamwork)					
Communication (written and oral self-expression, listening)					
Responsibility (dependable, accurate, conscientious)					
Assertiveness (ability to deal with conflict, tact)					

Comments:

Administrative Ability	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
Timeliness					
Planning and organization					
Follow-through					
Attention to detail					

Comments:

Which specific responsibility area (relationships with students, student conduct, event planning, administration, communication) do you think the candidate would excel at the most?

Which do you think would be a challenge for the candidate?

Is there anything in additional you would like to share? Feel free to attach a separate piece of paper.

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