Gender Inclusive Housing Community Application

2015-2016

The Office of Residential Life & Housing is offering a special housing option: Gender Inclusive Housing (GIH) for the 2015-2016 academic year. All applications must be returned to the Office of Residential Life & Housing no later than March 27, 2015 at 4:30pm.

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<td>Do you have a specific roommate/suitemate preference? If so, list below:</td>
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*Residential Life & Housing discourages students of any sexual orientation who are in a relationship from living together in a residence hall.*

| Preferred Roommate: | __________________________ | **Student I.D. #:** | __________________________ |
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*Requested students must also complete this application and be selected by the GIH committee.*

In the event a suite is not filled to capacity Residential Life & Housing reserves the right to fill the space with students interested in Gender Inclusive Housing.
Extended Response

For the following questions, please complete typed on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why are you interested in Gender Inclusive Housing?

2. What makes you a strong candidate for the Gender Inclusive Housing community?

Agreement

I agree to uphold the policies and procedures stated in the Resident Student Handbook and the terms outlined the Resident Housing Contract. By signing below I signify that I have read, understood, and accept the Gender Inclusive Housing Agreement (see attached).

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________
(If student is under 18 years of age)

Student Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Timeline

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<td>March 27, 2015</td>
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<td>GIH Applicant Interviews</td>
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<td>April 7, 2015</td>
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<td>Room Selection</td>
<td>Week of April 13, 2015</td>
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Gender Inclusive Housing Agreement

The following policies are applicable to students who elect to live in gender inclusive housing:

In order to be eligible for gender inclusive housing, an application and deposit must be submitted by the appropriate deadlines (Deposit Due March 10th – Application Due March 27th).

There are a limited number of gender inclusive rooms available. If more students apply for gender inclusive rooms than may reside in the available space, students will be selected by the Gender Inclusive Housing committee. Students who are not chosen will be able to select a space through the housing selection process in late April of 2015 and be placed on a Gender Inclusive Housing waiting list.

If a resident of a gender inclusive apartment/suitmate cancels their housing or moves out of the room for any reason, the remaining roommate(s) must identify a new roommate(s) to fill the vacancy. Residential Life & Housing will assign the time allocated to find a new roommate. The timeframe may vary depending on time of year and the status of the housing waitlist. If a roommate(s) is not identified
to fill the vacancy within the time period, Residential Life & Housing reserves the right to: (1) assign any
student who indicates interest in living in gender inclusive housing, regardless of current residency
status can be placed on a waiting list. (2) relocate/consolidate the current resident(s) to a different
space. Room types cannot be guaranteed if a student is moved.

Residential Life & Housing has the right to consolidate gender inclusive spaces as needed.

Residential Life and Housing along with the Gender Inclusive Housing Committee reserves the right to
interview candidates.

If behavior contrary to the spirit of this agreement is exhibited, a student may be relocated to a different
housing accommodation on campus.

Residential Life & Housing discourages students of any sexual orientation who are in a relationship from
living together in a residence hall.

All residents residing in gender inclusive spaces must uphold the policies and procedures stated in the
Resident Student Handbook and the terms outlined in the Housing and Dining Contract.

**Gender Inclusive Housing Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is Gender Inclusive Housing?**

Our residence halls at Rhode Island College are co-educational. Gender Inclusive Housing allows
for same gender, opposite gender, non-gender and other gender identities to live together regardless of
legal sex, in a safe and supportive environment. Students can live in the same suite as other students
regardless of sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

The intent of the Gender Inclusive Housing Community is to establish a community where
students are not limited by gender distinctions and are free to live with whom they feel the most
comfortable.

**What are my responsibilities as a Gender Inclusive Housing Community member?**

This community shall provide a safe and supportive environment for students of all
orientations and backgrounds.

Students who live in this community will be expected to respect members’ different
motivations for choosing this living option. They will embrace and learn from lifestyles and experiences
different than their own, actively participate in community events, and abide by all regulations as
outlined in the Resident Student Handbook, Resident Housing Contract, and Gender Inclusive Housing
Agreement.

**Where will Gender Inclusive Housing be located?**

Gender Inclusive Housing for fall 2015 to spring 2016 will be housed in a reserved wing of New
Residence

What will the duration of Gender Inclusive Housing be?
Participants will commit to living in Gender Inclusive Housing for one full academic year, the fall 2015 and spring 2016 semesters. Students may reapply for Gender Inclusive Housing the following year should they meet housing eligibility standards.

Who can participate in Gender Inclusive Housing?
This housing option is available to current residents who have paid their housing deposit, submitted a GIH application, and have taken in part in an interview for the Gender Inclusive Housing community by the appropriate deadlines.

How do I apply for the Gender Inclusive Housing community?
Students interested in Gender Inclusive Housing must submit an application to the Office of Residential Life & Housing, on the side of New Residence Hall. The Gender Inclusive Housing committee will review each application and interview all applicants. A decision will be made to approve or deny the requests. Applications will be available online, and at the Residential Life & Housing office starting Monday, March 16, 2015. Students may sign up for an interview time slot when submitting a hard copy of their application to Residential Life & Housing, by Friday March 27, 2015.

What will happen to the remaining suitemates in the event that a vacancy occurs?
If a resident of a gender inclusive apartment/suite cancels their housing or moves out of their room for any reason, the remaining roommate(s) must identify a new roommate(s) to fill the vacancy. Residential Life & Housing will assign the time allocated to find a new roommate. The timeframe may vary depending on time of year and the status of the housing waitlist. If a roommate(s) is not identified to fill the vacancy within the time period, Residential Life & Housing reserves the right to: (1) assign any student who indicates interest in living in Gender Inclusive Housing regardless of current residency status (2) relocate/consolidate the current resident(s) to a different space. Room types cannot be guaranteed if a student is moved. See Gender Inclusive Housing Agreement.

What if parents don’t want their student to live in a gender inclusive environment?
Students under the age of 18 should discuss housing plans with their families, as parental consent is required. Students over the age of 18 are legally able to make decisions about their housing contracts. It is the student’s responsibility to communicate with parents or guardians about the decision to live in a gender inclusive environment. Residential Life & Housing encourages this conversation between parents/guardians and students about the housing choice so that they can be in support of the student’s decision.

Does Gender Inclusive Housing mean that I may live with my significant other?
Residential Life & Housing discourages students of any sexual orientation who are in a relationship from living together in a residence hall.