

First Year Experience Community Membership Application

Due by June 8th

What is the First Year Experience (FYE) Community?

The FYE Community is a part of the Generating Opportunities for Leadership Development (GOLD) program. Community members have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and abilities. This program provides the building blocks for becoming a responsible leader, active follower and a role model. In addition to providing a limited number of students the opportunity to interact with faculty and staff outside of the traditional classroom, it allows students to engage in experiences that promote success in college.

Functioning as a part of the Generating Opportunities for Leadership Development (GOLD) program, which also includes Second Year Experience and Third Year Experience, the First Year Experience community is designed to develop leadership skills and abilities. The FYE community provides the building blocks for becoming a responsible leader, an active followers and a role model, as well as providing a limited number of students the opportunity to interact with faculty and staff beyond the traditional classroom. Students who are selected to participate in the FYE community are privileged to engage in experiences that promote success in college and beyond.

For more information please visit this address on the UMW website:

<http://www.umw.edu/cas/residencelife/prospective/fye/default.php>

Who can participate?

The FYE community is open to incoming freshmen and transfer students who are open-minded and have a sincere desire to be successful leaders. No prior leadership experience is necessary for membership. In order to be considered for Fall 2009 community membership, completed applications and essays must be submitted by June 8, 2009 (priority date deadline).

To initiate the process for community membership, indicate your interest by checking the appropriate box on the Housing and Dining Services Contract. If you are interested in the First-Year Experience community, but have already submitted your Housing and Dining Services Contract, contact the Office of Residence Life at Marye House (540-654-1058).

Second Year Experience ...Theme Housing

Theme housing at University of Mary Washington is an integrated residential environment whereby a co-curricular interest is allowed to be implemented and supported. Residing in this form of residential housing allows for a more integrated collegiate experience for community members. To maximize the experience, teaching and administrative faculty are invited to participate in the implementation of theme housing.

***Do not submit this page with your application**

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Applicant Information Form:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Banner ID: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Box #: _____ UMW E-mail: _____ Personal E-mail: _____

Have you submitted a housing contract for the 2009-2010 year?: _____

**All community applicants must be in good standing with Residence Life and able to live on-campus before community status can be confirmed.*

Do you smoke?:

Yes _____ No _____ I do not smoke but I am willing to live with a smoker _____

**A smoker and a non-smoker will not be paired for the same residence unless you indicate that you do not mind.*

**Roommate Requests: (The GOLD program pair community members within the FYE Community. Roommate Requests are reserved as a community privilege in the SYE Community.)*

Essay Description:

1. Essay title: The Leader in Me
 - a. Sub-topics: (a) Compare and contrast the similarities of leadership and followership; (b) How would the GOLD Program/FYE Community be important in your collegiate experience? (c) Describe a project and/or program you would like to develop during your lifetime.
 - b. Maximum six pages excluding title page and reference page. Essay should be in MLA or APA style, and of academic quality.

Interviews:

Applicants may be requested to participate in a phone interview. Interviews, if held will be conducted from June 9th until June 14th. Announcement of acceptance in the community will be announced via e-mail by June 15th.

Completed Community Application includes the following:

1. Community Application Form
2. Essay
3. Mentor/Mentee Questionnaire
4. Denotes **READING** of the Community Program Outline and Community Agreement Form.

Submission of Application:

1. Submit completed community packets to Theme Housing Community Coordinator using an option below:
 - a. e-mail (cmedley@umw.edu)
 - b. fax (540-654-1527)
 - c. mail (Residence Life, c/o: Theme Housing Community Coordinator, Marye House, University of Mary Washington, 1301 College Ave, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

If accepted your next steps are as follows:

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1. Complete and submit Community Agreement Form to confirm acceptance by the designated deadline.

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