DIVERSITY EXPERIENCE HOUSE APPLICATION

1000 W 28th St

In this Application Packet, you will find the following:

- Introduction and Project Information
- Important Dates and Rate Information
- Diversity Experience House Community Guidelines
- Diversity Experience House Application

Please review all the enclosed materials and direct any questions to the Office of Residence Life at 605.274.5215 or reslife@augie.edu. Please turn the completed application packet in to the Office of Residence Life (EMC 119) by 5 p.m. on March 3, 2014.
Introduction
The 2014-2015 Academic year will mark the college’s second Diversity Experience House. 10 students will live in harmony with a focus on embracing diversity and inclusion in accordance with the shared core values of the college. The intent is to engage students in projects that promote understanding of individual diversity, group diversity and integrating continuity with learning and service. The specifics of the theme will be based on decisions made by the residents of the highly anticipated house.

Each student wishing to live in the Diversity Experience House will need to go through the application process. All students will apply individually. However, students wishing to room together should also list their roommate on the application. The house hosts 10 students each year, offering 8 double rooms and 2 single rooms. Both men and women will be allowed to live in the house.

Applications will be available in the Office of Residence Life. All students interested in living in the Diversity Experience house will need to go through the application and interview process.

Service Projects and Program Outcomes
Residents of the Diversity Experience House will largely be responsible for creating and implementing the specific service learning projects they wish to complete, however the College has identified specific outcomes that these projects will need to address.

Diversity Experience House Outcomes
1. Connectedness and Inclusion. The Diversity Experience House must help address the continuing need for a campus climate that welcomes, celebrates, and promotes respect for the entire variety of human experience. The house must provide access to opportunities of diversity and inclusion for all people in order to create a diverse campus climate.

2. Diversity Appreciation and Awareness. The Diversity Experience House must provide opportunities for students to highlight, recognize, and publicize aspects of diversity to promote campus-wide cooperation and participation. The house must be aware of any diversity related issues and pose as an advocate for any students that share their experiences.

3. Student Support. The Diversity Experience House must provide opportunities for support of current and incoming students. This can include, but is not limited to, close collaborations with the International Programs Office, the Augustana International Club, Multicultural Programs Office and any other student group that has diverse topics to provide programming specific to student’s needs.

4. Community Outreach. The Diversity Experience House must help bridge the gap between the Augustana and Sioux Falls communities, bringing local and regional issues to campus. The members of the house must celebrate the efforts of individuals and groups to enhance appreciation of diverse perspectives and backgrounds that are in the larger communities in which we live.

Rates
These are the prices for the 2013 – 2014 year. You may see a 3% - 6% increase for 2014 – 2015.

- Double Rooms $2207/Semester $4414/Academic Year
- Single Rooms $2638/Semester $5276/Academic Year

Please contact the Office of Residence Life at (605) 274-5215 or by e-mail at reslife@augie.edu with questions or concerns about rates.
Diversity Experience Community Guidelines
Academic Year 2014-2015

Policies and Expectations

Policies

- Individual use of alcohol is permitted only for those students 21 and over. See the Student Handbook for a detailed description of the alcohol policy for Theme Houses and Apartments.
- The house is a smoke-free facility.
- Residents are responsible for the daily cleaning and trash removal at the house. A plan of execution for this process will be agreed upon by the residents. All residents are required to participate.
- Parking is available in the lot behind the house and in designated spaces in the East parking lot.
- Residents are expected to be respectful of neighbors and to develop positive relationships with them.
- Along with the independence of theme house living comes the responsibility of developing guidelines for living together in community. It is expected that all residents will abide by the College’s policies and house-developed guidelines. Any student who chooses to not adhere to these policies and guidelines may be reassigned to a Residence Hall.

Programming

- Residents in the Diversity Experience House are required to participate in a minimum of four projects each semester, which are connected directly to the Diversity Experience House outcomes.
- Residence Life will provide financial assistance for these projects.

Mid-Year Evaluation

At some point during the Interim or early Spring time frame, residents of the Diversity Experience House will engage in a reflective evaluation of their successes and challenges up to that point. This will include the requirement of a self-evaluation from the house as a whole, as well as self-reflection from and an individual interview with each member of the house.

Liaison

- The Diversity Experience House Liaison will be a Residence Life/Multicultural programs student staff position.
- A Liaison for the Diversity Experience House will be hired independently of the application process. Applicants to the house who are interested in applying to be a Liaison should contact the Residence Life/Multicultural Programs Office to obtain an application.
- Liaison responsibilities include, but are not limited to, serving as a spokesperson for the house, providing policy direction and enforcement, reporting maintenance issues, checking residents in and out of the house, scheduling house meetings, completing administrative paperwork, and working with the group to develop community guidelines and ensure follow through on his/her house goals and community service projects. Additionally, the Liaison will be expected to attend Residence Life staff trainings and meetings occurring throughout the year.
- Liaison room fees will be waived as compensation, provided all requirements and expectations have been met.

Advisor

- The Assistant Dean of Students & Director of Multicultural Programs will be the advisor for the Diversity Experience House to provide program and theme support throughout the year.

Designate

- The Office of Residence Life will identify one professional staff member to serve as the Theme House Designate for the Diversity Experience House. Theme House Designates are intended to serve as a contact within Residence Life who can help with project implementation and serve as a resource and support for interactions within the house.

Applications

- All students will apply individually. However, students wishing to room together should also list their roommate on the application. Every applicant will be interviewed.
- Selection will be based on applications, interviews and follow-up with references.
Application for Diversity Experience House
Academic Year 2014-2015

Name ____________________________________________ Phone number __________________________
Major ____________________________________________
High School graduation date ________________________
Have you ever been involved in diversity programming? Projected College graduation date ____________
Are you aware of any diversity related issues in this present time?
Have you previously lived in any Theme House?

What interests you about living in the Diversity Experience House?

How do you see this experience to be different than living in other Augustana housing communities?

As you familiarize yourself with the Diversity Experience House outcomes, are there specific issues that you are interested in pursuing?

What would you like to learn by living in a justice-centered community like the Diversity Experience House? What strengths do you believe that you will bring to the community? What will your challenges be?
How will living in the Diversity Experience House compliment your whole student experience?

Have you read and become familiar with the Diversity Experience Community Guidelines (page three of this application)? How will you live by the guidelines?

Are you interested in being considered for the Liaison position? Please note that a separate application will need to be completed. You can pick up a Liaison application at the Office of Residence Life.

References should include 2 faculty/staff and 1 peer

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Roommate Name (If Applying for a Double Room): ____________________________________________