

Buena Vista University Resident Advisor Application 2008-2009

The Residence Life staff welcomes your application for the Resident Advisor position for the 2008-2009 academic year. To be considered for a Resident Advisor position, please type or neatly complete this application, a typed letter of interest, and complete the creativity initiative as described inside.

The application and recommendation forms are to be turned in to the Office of Student Services on or before **Friday, February 29th at 4:00 pm**. At the time you submit your application materials, you will be asked to sign up for an individual interview time. Thank you for considering this great opportunity and we look forward to getting to know you.

Resident Advisor Minimum Qualifications:

- Maintain a cumulative and semester grade point average of 2.25.
- Maintain full-time student status each semester (12 credits).
- Lived in a residence hall at BVU or elsewhere for at least 1 full semester.
- Commitment to being a Resident Advisor for a full year appointment.
- Good academic and behavioral standing with BVU.
- If selected as a Resident Advisor, attend fall training sessions (August 11 - 23, 2008)

Personal and Educational Information

Name: _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Current Room: _____ Forum Box #: _____

Permanent Address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Cell Phone # (____) _____ Permanent Telephone # (____) _____

Current Class Year: 1st Year 2nd Year 3rd Year 4th Year

Major: _____

Fall Semester GPA _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Have you lived in a residence hall at another college or university? Yes No

If yes, where?

Number of Semesters

Resident Advisor Building Interests

Please rank your preference (1-7) for which building you would like to work in as an RA. Be sure to rank every hall with 1 being your highest preference. ***Rankings do not qualify or disqualify you from being considered for a building.* In addition, please remember that you are applying for an RA position within the system, not a specific building.

___ Grand ___ Pierce ___ Swope ___ Special Interest Housing/Suites
(for a further descriptions of SIH, refer to the back page of this application)

___ Liberty ___ Suites ___ White

Time Commitments

How many credits do you plan on taking in the Fall of 2008? _____

List any and all outside commitments or pre-professional experiences you would be involved with during 2008-2009 (i.e. student teaching, internships, practicum, student organizations or clubs, music ensembles, athletics, intramurals).

Leadership Experiences

In the space provided, list past and current leadership positions/experiences, brief description, and dates of participation.

Letter of Interest

Please read the following statement and on a separate sheet of paper (typed, double spaced) answer the following questions using no more than 3 pages.

"Two of the primary tasks assigned to the RA Position are developing a community between a group of people and serving as a role model for the students in the campus community."

1. Please describe the qualities you possess that would make you a successful community builder.
2. Please provide examples of how would you actively promote a sense of community within your assigned living area.
3. Please explain how your behavior and lifestyle choices would set an example for other students at BVU.

Creativity Initiative

Read the following scenarios and provide an advertising strategy for a community building activity based on the scenario of your choice. Please include a minimum of three examples of advertising. Advertising should be no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches and should showcase your creativity.

Scenario #1

You have a floor largely composed of first year men, most of whom are involved in athletics. You also have three international students and a new transfer student who have just come in at the semester. Create a community building activity that will appeal to all parties and will help the new and former residents build connections.

Scenario #2

You have a floor comprised of both men and women from a variety of years. Most are science majors; about half are involved in theatre and the other half in athletics. Women and men tend to stay in their own groups. Create a community building activity that will draw in both groups and appeal to their general interests.

Scenario #3

You have a floor full of freshman with a variety of majors who are struggling with their classes; many have been put on academic probation. Put together a community building activity that encourages their academic welfare.

References

You will need three written references. **One reference must be a current or former Resident Advisor.** The second reference can be an employer, advisor, faculty, staff member, etc. Relatives or family members should not be used as references. Assistant Resident Directors and Resident Directors are part of the hiring process therefore they cannot provide written references. *All reference materials are due March 7, 2008.*

Reference one:

(Name) _____ (Relationship)

Reference two:

(Name) _____ (Relationship)

Reference three:

(Name) _____ (Relationship)

Please Read and Sign Both Statements

Applications are classified as personnel materials and subject to confidentiality. I further understand the Director of Residence Life will verify my academic and disciplinary standing.

Signature of Candidate

Date of Application

To the best of my knowledge, the information submitted on this application is true and correct. I realize any falsification can subject me to disqualification as an applicant.

Signature of Candidate

Date of Application

Wondering what Special Interest Housing is all about???

Along with some of the traditional RA job responsibilities, the RA of Special Interest Housing has a few unique opportunities. The RA of Special Interest Housing will:

- Assist with the interview process for special interest housing selection.
- Schedule and conduct monthly meetings to set goals with each group.
- Serve as a resource (with both budget and creativity) for each group.

If you have specific questions, contact Jeremy Ward, Nate Buseman or Deb McConahie.