

CARLETON COLLEGE

Women's Awareness House Institutional House Application 2008-2009

The institutional houses at Carleton College have been designated to provide special residential settings for a variety of purposes. Each house functions with a set of guidelines established by the College and implemented by either a particular department or organization. Students residing in these houses are expected to actively participate and work toward the goals of the community.

To be considered for placement in Women's Awareness House:

- 1) Review the goals and objectives of the house (see attached charter).
- 2) Complete the attached application form and return it to the Gender and Sexuality Center (Scoville 4) by Friday April 11, 2008.
- 3) Interview with the selection committee. You will be contacted by e-mail to arrange an interview time.

If you have any questions regarding WA House or the application process, feel free to contact:

Jini Rao (raoj@carleton.edu, current WA House Manager) or Kaaren Williamsen-Garvey, Advisor to WA House. (x7179 or kwilliam@acs.carleton.edu)

Women's Awareness House Application (2008-2009)

Due Friday, April 11, 2008 to the GSC (basement Scoville)

Name: _____ Class Year: _____ Ext. _____

Major: _____

Where else have you lived on campus? _____

Are you applying to any other special interest houses? Yes No

If yes, which house? _____

Will you be applying to be off-campus for any term next year? Yes No

If yes, which term? _____

Please type your answers to the following questions.

1. Why are you interested in living in WA House?
2. Do you have any ideas for programs/things you would like to see the house do? What programs would you be interested in being in charge of and/or seeing the house do next year?
3. Living in a common-interest house requires teamwork and cooperation. Describe the type of environment/community you envision developing in the house. How would you address conflicts or challenges in the house?
4. WA House has 2 double rooms. Do you know someone who is applying that you would prefer to live with?
5. Is there anything else you would like the selection committee to know?
6. Are you interested in the WA House Manager/Gender & Sexuality Center Associate position? (8-10 hour a week position)?

Women's Awareness House Agreement

I understand that if I am selected to live Women's Awareness House, I am expected to contribute to the common goals of the community. Failure to function within the set of guidelines established by the community could result in the loss of housing and reassignment into available college housing.

Student Name (Please print)

ID Number

Student Signature

Date

Thanks for applying to live in WA House!!



Charter for Women's Awareness House

Mission of Women's Awareness House:

The purpose of Women's Awareness House is twofold:

1. To provide a communal living opportunity for women students who wish to reside in an all women's setting – to focus on the encouragement of individual and community awareness of the diversity of women and women's issues.
2. Through programming, faculty/staff interaction and involvement with women's organizations, members of the house will work collectively to provide educational and social programming both within the house and amongst the campus community.

Goals for Women's Awareness House:

1. To provide a common space for regular discussion and support around issues specifically related to women.
2. To be an intentional living experience through which residents of the house learn from one another and build varying perspectives surrounding women's issues.
3. To have residents serve as coordinators of educational and social programming addressing a variety of issues relating specifically to women.
4. To provide a greater connection between students and the Gender and Sexuality Center.
5. To provide space for Carleton faculty, staff, and students to come together around women's issues.

Women's Awareness House residents will possess:

1. A strong interest in the unique experience of women in our community.
2. An interest in exploring the variety of women's experiences.
3. An ability to contribute positively to a communal environment.
4. An interest in the organization of activities.
5. Creativity and enthusiasm.
6. A desire to develop a strong community in the house through communal dinners, events, and other house activities.

Selection Process:

Applicants will be expected to complete an application and interview with the selection committee. The committee will be comprised of the director of the Gender and Sexuality Center and current house members. Selection of house residents for the upcoming year will be made on an individual basis, as opposed to group selection based on existing friendships.

Conflict Resolution:

If any member of the WA House is repeatedly disruptive or fails to meet the goals and expectations of the house, that member will be asked to leave the house. All internal conflicts will be first addressed by the house members. The following procedures will be used when conflict or disagreements arise:

1. All house members will attend a meeting for the purposes of reviewing expectations and resolving conflicts.
2. If conflicts or disruptive behavior continues, a mediation session with a Residential Life or Gender and Sexuality Center staff person can be requested.
3. The staff of Residential Life and/or the house advisor will work with the house to determine how to resolve the conflict, which may include removal of a house member.

Women's Center

As home to the Women's Center, WA House is committed to the mission of the Women's Center.

Women's Center Mission Statement (updated Fall 2004)

The mission of the Women's Center is twofold:

- 1) The Women's Center is a Safe Space for women on campus at anytime they might need it, with increased access to CAASHA.
- 2) The Women's Center is a place to gather on campus to foster and facilitate a community concerned with and active in women's issues.

Stipulations:

- * Meetings related to women's issues may be held in the Women's Center unless it needs to be used as a Safe Space.