

CARLETON COLLEGE

FREEDOM House **Institutional House Application** **2009-2010**

The Institutional Houses at Carleton College have been designed to provide special residential settings for a variety of purposes. Each house functions within 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 Freedom Institutional House:

1. Review the goals and objectives of the house.
2. Complete the attached application form (use additional paper if necessary) and return it to the Office of Intercultural Life (Scoville 9) by Monday, March 9, 2009. NOTE: The deadline for students who will be off-campus Spring Term is Friday, February 20, 2009.
3. Interview with members of the selection committee. Interviews will be conducted March 30 – April 3. You may sign up for an interview at the Office of Intercultural Life-Scoville 9.

Important Dates:

February 11	Culture House Applications available.
February 20	Apps. are due for students who will be off-campus Spring Term.
Feb. 23-Mar. 9	Interviews will be conducted for students off-campus Spring Term.
March 9	Applications are due.
March 30-April 3	Interviews
April 10	Notifications mailed to students.
April 24	Housing Assignments for Institutional House due to Residential Life

3. Describe the type of environment/community you envision developing in this house.
4. Working together as a "team" is critical to the success of the House. What is your definition of team? What would you like your role to be with the Freedom House team?

Freedom House Institutional House Agreement

I understand that if I am selected to live in FREEDOM House Institutional 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 Institutional Housing and reassignment into available college housing.

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Student Name (Please print)	I.D. Number
_____	_____
Student Signature	Date

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Mission of Freedom House

The mission of Freedom House is to provide a culturally safe space for students of the African Diaspora and their allies at Carleton College, and to contribute to an environment that facilitates their success. Freedom House will provide a variety of educational, cultural, and social programs related to their culture and issues, while simultaneously providing to them a cultural comfort-zone. Carleton community members are invited to participate in all programs and meetings held at Freedom House.

Goals for Freedom House

1. To provide a shared living experience through which residents of the house can learn from one another and build varying perspectives surrounding issues related to people of African descent.
2. To provide cultural programming that is empowering and enhances students' commitment to academic excellence.
3. To provide community building programs that invite students, faculty and staff to discuss issues that affect the African, African-American, and people of African descent at Carleton and elsewhere.
4. To support in a variety of ways, Carleton College's efforts to recruit and retain African students and students of African descent

Selection Process

The Offices of Intercultural Life and Residential Life will work collectively on the selection process each academic year. Applicants will be expected to complete an application and interview with the selection committee. Selection of house residents for the upcoming year will be made on an individual basis, as opposed to group selection based on existing friendships.

Procedures for Removal

Any member of the house who is disruptive or fails to contribute to the community goals will be removed from Freedom House. 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 an Intercultural Life and/or Residential Life staff member will be required. Any house member under review may bring an advocate or supporter.
3. The Intercultural Life/Residential Life staff member will determine how to resolve the conflict, which may include removal of a house member.