

CARLETON COLLEGE

La Casa del Sol 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 La Casa 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 La Casa del Sol team?

La Casa Del Sol Institutional House Agreement

I understand that if I am selected to live in La Casa del Sol 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.

Student Name (Please print)

I.D. Number

Student Signature

Date

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Charter for La Casa del Sol

Mission of La Casa del Sol

La Casa del Sol is a house designed to serve the Latino community at Carleton, as well as the larger Carleton and local Northfield community, through education and programming. We welcome the Carleton Community to come and celebrate our diversity. La Casa is an integral part of the Latino community at Carleton because it encourages academic success and community development.

Goals for La Casa del Sol

I. Education:

La Casa del Sol is the central element for unifying and empowering our Latino students, staff, and faculty at Carleton. Residents of La Casa del Sol work together to educate themselves first, and the Carleton Community second, in the diversity of Latinos throughout the United States. This is done through various activities and programs conceptualized and developed by House Residents.

Program ideas have included but are not limited to hosting dinners and movie nights, inviting guest speakers, and other social activities in order to bring together the community to discuss issues facing Latinos today. La Casa is also provides an ideal setting for meetings, and has been host for Northfield Community projects that House residents participate in.

II. Serving the Latino Community:

The Latin American Students Organization (LASO) has been influenced by the existence of La Casa del Sol. La Casa has been the center location for this organization's meetings, as it provides the comfort and availability that is needed for all organization members. Also, many social events have taken place at La Casa such as potluck dinners, which are attended by different communities at Carleton. Also, some events held at La Casa are co-sponsored with other student organizations in order to draw a unity among Carleton students.

III. Serving the Northfield Community:

ACT, in particular the Latino Outreach Program, historically benefited from the educational purpose of La Casa. By creating a bridge of communication between the Latino community in Northfield and Carleton students, members of La Casa have established and maintained a working relationship of service and trust with the Northfield community. By providing a usable space and volunteers, La Casa aids the Latino Outreach Program of La Escuelita. La Escuelita is designed to empower Latina/o youth, with an emphasis on social justice and cultural values. By exposing students to a college environment, it will encourage students to pursue higher education. La Escuelita also provides role models for the Latino youth in Northfield.

IV. Admissions/Recruitment:

To coincide with Carleton's commitment to increase diversity in the student population, La Casa residents will continue to work with the Admissions Office by retaining the Latino student population. Through effective outreach and hosting of prospective Latino students, La Casa will be a key component towards the achievement of this goal. Direct, open and honest contact between La Casa residents and prospective students we will attract more Latino students to the Carleton Community.

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 La Casa del Sol. 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.