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Theme Living Renewal Information

Residential Education & Dining Services

Stevenson-Griswold

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Each year all theme living groups are required to complete a renewal application with the Office of Residential Education and Dining Services. The core of the renewal application shall consist of a self-study conducted by the theme living group. The structure of the self-study is included in the Renewal Application.

It is the intention of the Office of Residential Education and Dining Services that the process for renewal be part of an on-going dialogue across our living areas and one that will engage other members of the Oberlin College community. In this on-going dialogue across our living areas and one that will engage other members of the Oberlin College community. In this procedure, each theme living group is encouraged to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions to the community, while at the same time looking honestly at ways they can improve themselves and quality of education and community development at the College.

Hopefully this endeavor will bring your membership closer together as it deliberates upon this study. It is for this reason that we encourage you to involve as many of your group members as possible, those who come to the community but do not live there, and your advisor(s). Please note approval of any theme is not guaranteed from year to year.

Requests for renewal must be received by 5:00pm December 13, 2019 in the Office of Residential Education and Dining Services or via email to Heather Shadle at hshadle@oberlin.edu. Approval of the renewal will be determined by the Area Coordinator in consultation with the Office of Residential Education and Dining Services. Approval will be for the 2020-2021 academic year only.

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On a separate sheet, please address each of the following in your renewal application:

1. Title of Theme Living Group
2. Name of Current and Incoming Theme Leaders (residents in charge of theme who is not an RA) and best method of contact (email, cell phone etc.)
3. Attach the 3-5 short-answer questions that the Theme Leaders and Advisor want to include in the application to determine who will be placed on the floor for 2020-2021 housing selection.
4. Attach completed and signed Advisor Agreement Form
5. Attached ten (10) completed and signed Theme Housing Commitment Forms.
6. General:
 - a. Please provide a general description of your group (feel free to use your previous application as a template)
 - b. Was there an established leadership group? What was the structure of this group?
 - c. How does your current residential arrangement benefit residents?
 - d. Were there challenges associated with your current arrangement?
 - e. Give a list of activities conducted with your members
7. Forecasting
 - a. What goals do you have for the next academic year and how do these relate to the goals you had for this current year?
 - b. What types of spaces (i.e. kitchen, lounge, computer lab) do you need to accomplish your goals?
 - c. Does your current space meet these needs? What could be different?
8. Self-Evaluation
 - a. Please describe the successes and moments of pride in your hall
 - b. What do you think you can and should improve on next year?
 - c. What conditions stand in your way?
 - d. What support from the ResEd staff do you need to help you achieve these goals?

Please Note:

- All necessary forms can be found on the Theme page of the ResEd website (<https://www.oberlin.edu/housing/options/theme>)
- A theme will need at least 10 interested students in order to be considered for approval
- If your renewal is accepted, all members who complete the Theme Housing Commitment Form will be required to live within the designated theme housing community for the 2020-2021 academic year
- Your advisor and theme leader(s) must schedule a meeting with Heather Shadle before the application deadline.
- Please contact Heather Shadle at hshadle@oberlin.edu with any questions throughout this process.