Theme Living Renewal Information

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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 this process for renewal be part of an ongoing 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 the 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, as well as those who come to the community but do not live there, and your adviser(s). Please note approval of any theme is not guaranteed from year to year.

There are numerous changes to the Theme Living Application form, which are also required of themes renewing their application for this year. New requirements include the Adviser Agreement Form and the Housing Commitment Form. The intent of these forms is to not limit a group, but to create a stronger community. You are welcome to seek out new advisers, new residents, and new leadership in the course of completing this renewal application form.

Requests for renewal must be received by 5:00 p.m., February 8th, 2019 in the Office of Residential Education and Dining Services or via email to Tekikki Walker, twalker@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 next academic year only.
Theme Living Renewal Application

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

1. Title of Theme Living Group

2. Name of New and Old Theme Leaders (resident in charge of theme who is not an RA) and best method of contact (e-mail, cell phone, etc.).

3. Attach completed and signed Adviser Agreement Form

4. General:
   - Please provide a general description of your group (feel free to use your previous application as a template).
   - Was there an established leadership group? What was the structure of this group?
   - How does your current residential arrangement benefit residents?
   - Were there challenges associated with your current arrangement?
   - Give a list of activities conducted with your members

5. Future (goals, plans, etc.):
   - What goals do you have for the next academic year and how do these relate to the goals you had for last year?
   - What types of spaces (e.g., kitchen, lounge, computer lab) do you need to accomplish your goals?
   - Does your current space meet these needs? What could be different?

6. Self-Evaluation:
   - Please describe the successes and moments of pride on your hall
   - What do you think you can and should do better next year?
   - What conditions stand in your way?
   - What support from the Res Ed 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.
   - 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 2019-2020 academic year
   - A theme will need at least 10 interested students in order to be considered for approval
   - Your adviser and theme leader(s) must schedule a meeting with Tekikki Walker before the application deadline. The RA is welcome to attend, but this is not required
   - Feel free to contact Tekikki Walker at twalker@oberlin.edu with any questions leading up to the deadline