



Dear RA Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the Residence Life staff at Charleston Southern University. We look forward to getting to know you and the ways that you would like to invest in this campus and others.

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The RA is responsible with assisting students in making a smooth transition to campus life, enforcing rules and policies, providing answers to questions, handling student conflicts, facilitating residence hall activities, and other duties that may arise in the residence halls.

There are three parts to the application process:

- 1) PLACE Assessment. This assessment helps discover: Personality, Spiritual Gifts, Abilities, Passion in Ministry, and connect them with Experiences.
- 2) Application. Fill out the actual application completely and honestly.
- 3) Letters of Recommendation. You will need 2 letters of recommendation. One will come from a pastor or minister from the church of which you are attending and serving. The other will come from either a professor or employer.
- 4) An "About Me" page on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper that represents who you are. Be as creative as you would like as you will use this as your way of introducing yourself to the interview panel.
- 5) Interview with Residence Life Coordinators

Our prayer is that the Lord leads us to the people who are seeking after Him, and who desire to lead and serve others on this campus. Thank you for applying and God bless!

~ Residence Life Staff

Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Luke 10:2

Mission

In keeping with the mission of Charleston Southern University, the Department of Residence Life strives to create an environment that is conducive to the intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and relational well-being of each residential student. Integration of faith in learning, leading, and serving are elements of CSU's vision that produce and promote opportunities for Residence Life to partner in building a thriving learning community within our dorms.

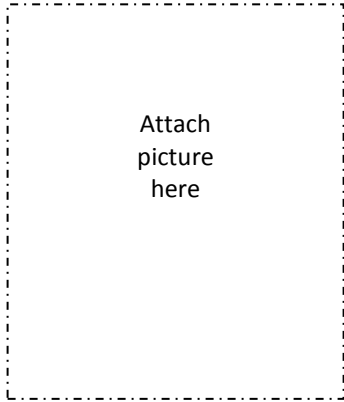
We accomplish this mission by:

- Ensuring that residents are provided with a positive living-learning environment with an emphasis on academic success, positive community, and spiritual well being
- Producing and maintaining residential learning communities
- Creating a safe community for every residential student
- Partnering with Counseling Service to train and equip Residential Staff to identify residents that are struggling to adapt to CSU's intellectual and residential environments
- Committing to excellence
- Developing quality student leaders and supporting communities that value respect and engage in positive citizenship

Resident Assistant (RA) Description

- The RA is a student member of the Resident Life Department, who is selected on the basis of his/her ability and desire to develop counseling, advising, and leadership skills necessary to create an effective learning environment. The RA is responsible with assisting student in making a smooth transition to campus life, enforcing rules and policies, providing answers to questions, handling student conflicts, facilitating residence hall activities, and other duties that may arise in the residence halls. The RA provides assistance and guidance by leading the residence hall in discipline and discipleship from a peer's perspective. The RA makes the commitment to love, pray for, and disciple every student he/she is responsible for.
- **Responsibilities**
 - Supervise lounges
 - Facilitate Bible studies
 - Advise students and make appropriate referrals to Student Life personnel
 - Accounts for students through monthly contact sheets
 - Compile contact information for students before official campus breaks
 - Conduct Health and Wellness Inspections
 - Create an inviting living environment on the hall
 - Maintain campus grounds with a weekly trash pick up session
 - Facilitates residence life activities related to personal development
 - Be able to refer students to respective departments as the need arises
 - Enforce university and discipline policies
 - Provide peer counseling concerning academic and career decisions, interpersonal issues, stress and time management
 - Perform student checkout duties which include distributing and collecting materials in reference to checkout
 - Facilitate Community meetings and account for student attendance
 - Provide spiritual guidance to students
 - Ensure maintenance problems are reported and forwarded to Physical Plant personnel
 - Build community on campus
 - Improve student life, by being relational and transparent to every residential student
 - Improve student life experience because everyone on campus is receiving a personal attention
 - Produce opportunities for everyone to experience the love of Christ personally
 - Improve communication between students and faculty, staff, and administration by acting as a liaison
 - Participate in weekly worship service (ELEVATE)
 - Meet with weekend duty RLC for morning devotion on Saturday
 - Pray for each student on hall weekly

Charleston Southern University
Resident Assistant Application
2010-2011 Resident Assistant Application
RA Application Deadline:
Monday, March 1st, 2010 by 5 PM



Attach
picture
here

Personal Information

Name: _____

ID Number: _____ Campus Box Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Permanent Phone Number: _____

Academic Status

Class Rank at CSU (circle one): Senior Junior Sophomore Freshman

Current Major: _____ Minor (if applicable): _____

Hours enrolled current semester: _____ Hours earned last semester: _____

Total hours completed: _____ GPA: _____ Current GPA: _____

Proposed graduation date: _____

Financial Aid Information

Are you qualified for the Federal Workstudy Program? Yes No

Have you applied for an RA position before? Yes No

Have you ever done workstudy before? Yes No

Residence Hall Preference

Indicate your residence hall preference by ranking them in order of your preference (These preferences will be given consideration, but are not guaranteed. Assignments are made according to the need of the Residence Life Program.)

Female Residence Halls

Women's North (freshmen/new students) _____

Women's South (upperclassmen) _____

Women's North (upperclassmen) _____

Russell East (freshmen) _____

Male Residence Halls

Russell West (freshmen) _____

Quad 2 (upperclassmen) _____

Quad 1 (freshmen/new students) _____

Quad 3 (upperclassmen) _____

Please complete the following questions on a separate piece of paper. Please type your responses and attach them to the application.

General Questions:

1. Why would you like to be a Residence Life staff member?
2. What is your philosophy when helping others with crises?
3. Explain what you consider to be the most pressing problems facing students living in the residence halls.
4. What role do you think diversity should play on our campus?
5. How would you encourage hall unity?

Spiritual Based:

1. What experiences from your past have equipped you with the skills needed for being a spiritual leader?
2. What's the most important quality a spiritual leader should possess?
3. How would you demonstrate a Christ-like attitude toward your residents?
4. What do you feel are your spiritual gifts?
5. Jesus was the greatest leader in the history of the world. How would you describe Jesus as a leader?
6. Humility is the hallmark of a servant. What is the importance of being a servant leader? ‘

Employment:

Present Employment: _____

Hours per week: _____ Work Phone: _____

Church Information:

Home Church: _____ City _____

Local Church: _____ City _____

List any areas in which you are involved at your church: _____

List other religious organizations to which you belong or in which you participate: _____

Extracurricular Activities:

List any academic, athletic, professional or social organizations to which you belong and any offices you have held:

The following section includes 5 different roles that promote our mission and vision of Residence Life. As Residence Life staff, we want each student to be in an environment that promotes intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and relational well-being. These 5 roles will help accomplish this mission. Each RA will be placed in one of these roles according to your gifts. Both taking the PLACE test and ranking these roles will decide where you will best serve.

Rank the following **roles** from 1 to 5 (“1” being what you most prefer and “5” being what you least prefer).

_____Administrative- office assistance and student code enforcement

_____Teaching/Bible studies- spiritual leader

_____Programming/events- plan events for hall, building, and or campus

_____Volunteer/Service- help coordinate and lead service opportunities

_____Building ambassadors- spokesperson for the building, involved in House Council

Interviews will be held in the Brewer Center Conference Room beginning on Tuesday, March 16th and will conclude on Thursday, March 25th. A member of the Residence Life staff will contact you to set up an interview time. Interviews will last around 15 to 20 minutes. Please be on time and dress appropriately. If you have any questions, please contact the Residence Life office at 843-863-7190.

Thank you!

Melissa Bell, RLC

Jenny Drizis, RLC

Meghan Henderson, RLC

Aaron Sonnefeld, RLC

Mark Eckert, RLC

Corey Humphries, Director of Residence Life



Resident Assistant
Recommendation Form
Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Name of applicant: _____

To the Recommender:

The applicant is applying for the position of Resident Assistant. A Resident Assistant is responsible for the supervision of residents. Your candid assessment of the candidate's ability and character is appreciated. Please be as specific as possible with your comments. Your comments will be held in confidence. Thank you for your cooperation in giving your time to this request.

Please complete this form and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope by Monday, March 1st, 2010.

Recommendation

Your relationship to the applicant is:

- Professor
- Pastor or Youth Minister
- Employer
- Other: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Under what circumstances have you known the applicant? _____

What are the candidate's most outstanding talents and characteristics? _____

Understanding that no one is perfect, what are the candidate's chief weaknesses?

Please rate the applicant on a scale of 1=Poor to 5=Excellent on each of the following characteristics.

	Poor		Average		Excellent
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5
People Skills	1	2	3	4	5
Trustworthiness	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership abilities	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for Authority	1	2	3	4	5
Sound Judgment	1	2	3	4	5

We would appreciate any additional comment(s) you may wish to make concerning the applicant's intellectual capacity, ability to work with others, ability to lead others, and personal goals and motivations.

Based on the above information, I... (please circle below)

- Strongly recommend
- Recommend
- Recommend, with some reservation
- Do not recommend
- Do not feel I can evaluate this candidate adequately and would prefer that the candidate seek a recommendation from another individual.

If you feel you cannot recommend this candidate for the position of Resident Assistant, please list your reasons on the back of this sheet or on an additional sheet of paper.

Your Name: _____ Title: _____

Name of Organization you represent: _____

May we contact you regarding this applicant? _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

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