

Friendship Living Community

Overview

The Friendship Communities at Ferris State University allow students to form a self-selected community based upon the concepts and values of friendship and mutual education. Friendship Communities provide students with the opportunity to establish an environment based upon academic and or social interests. Unlike the Themed Communities, Friendship Communities do not need to be connected with an academic department or registered student organization.

Selection Process

Applications for Friendship Communities are reviewed by the Office of Housing and Residence Life. Applicants must be current students at Ferris State University.

Applications and Deadlines

Information concerning applications and deadlines will be posted to the Office of Housing and Residence Life website in the fall semester for the next academic year. All applications need to be submitted by email to [Lisa Ortiz at lisaortiz@ferris.edu](mailto:lisaortiz@ferris.edu).

Student Eligibility

Students applying to live in a Friendship Community must be currently enrolled students who are eligible to enroll for the fall semester in which they are applying. Friendship Community members must be in good conduct standing with Ferris State University, both in academics and through the on-campus conduct process.

Friendship Community Eligibility

Successful Friendship Communities agree to the following items:

- They will meet once a month in a community meeting to discuss important information and house functions.
- Coordinate two education or service-based programs each semester for the Ferris State community tied closely with the friendship community's theme and goals.
- Engage productively with the Office of Housing and Residence Life to maintain the facility and grow the community.
- Serve as an active member in the Ferris State community by attending community events, engaging in discussions respectfully, and holding their peers to community standards.

Application

Each Friendship Community should complete the following questions as part of their application:

Community Questions

- What is the groups vision for the community?
- What are the groups educational goals for the academic year?

- What are the community development goals for the academic year?
- What steps will the group take to meet both education and community development goals?

Individual Statements

- Why do you want to live in this community?
- What do you hope to gain educationally from this community? How will living in the community contribute to your Ferris State education?
- How will you individually contribute to the community development and educational goals of the house?