

## 2009-2010 Theme Houses

Applications for theme houses should express interest in being a member of a community and knowledge of issues surrounding the specific theme house. **Applications are due March 11, 2009.**

*\*All applicants should be a rising sophomore by academic credit. Please note that several houses have a GPA requirement.\**



### Writers' House

#### Trowbridge House (129 St. Clair)

**Meal Plan:** Co-op

**Purpose:** To encourage an atmosphere of creativity for student writers on campus, and to offer a retreat for those students who write on their own.

**Requirements:**

\*Minimum GPA of 2.5

\*If accepted, involvement in Writer's house sponsored activities.



### Omnivore's Solution/ Culinary Arts

#### 746 South Main Street

**Meal Plan:** Choice

**Purpose:** The goal of our theme house would be to examine the relationship between food and consumerism, as well as develop new cooking skills and ideas that we can practice not only in the house, but also for the Hobart and William Smith community.

**Requirements:**

\*All applicants of the house must be of at least sophomore year status, (Or applying as a second semester first-year)

\*All applicants must have a minimum GPA consisting of a 2.5 or higher.

\*All applicants are expected to have a willingness to participate in cooking and house events including weekly meetings and dinners.



### Current Events and Issues

#### 730 South Main Street

**Meal Plan:** Co-op

**Purpose:** The Current Events and Issues House will encourage students to be open to gaining knowledge about current issues of political, social, and cultural importance.

**Requirements:**

\*Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5

\*Applicants should be willing to discuss issues with other members of the house.

\*Applicants must have a healthy interest in the issues and problems America as a nation and the world as a community are facing today.

\*Applicants must be willing to sign a contract about house cleanliness.

\*Applicants must attend all house gatherings.



### Latino Initiative

#### 408 Pulteney Street

**Meal Plan:** Choice

**Purpose:** The Latino Initiative house hopes to spread Latin American awareness in the HWS/ Geneva community and increase diversity on campus and help the Spanish department on campus.

**Requirements:**

\*Applicants must be able to express a strong interest in Latin American culture, and be committed to Latin American initiatives that the house plans. Applicants who were previously on academic or social probation must be prepared to make commitments to improve.

\*Applicants must be able to participate in community service projects.

\*Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5.



### Hope House

#### McDaniels House (645 S. Main Street)

**Meal Plan:** Choice

**Purpose:** To raise cancer awareness and promote healthy living habits to HWS college students and the Geneva community.

**Requirements:**

- \*Active and willing to participate in every activity and event that the house organizes.
- \*Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- \*Attempt to engage in healthy lifestyles.



### Performing Arts

#### 133 St. Clair Street

**Meal Plan:** Co-op

**Purpose:** Dedicated to the enrichment of the performing arts on the HWS campus, including drama, music, and dance. It will be a safe space for artistic expression through live performance, encouraging confidence, openness, and thoughtful analysis.

**Requirements:**

- \*Interest in one or more performing art on the HWS campus whether experience is from the past or present.
- \*Minimum GPA of 2.5



### William Smith Honors House (William Smith only)

#### Stewardson House (780 S. Main Street)

**Meal Plan:** Choice

**Purpose:** To provide a supportive environment in which WS students can study and feel encouraged to do their best. In order for such an environment to be achieved, the house must be a place where all members have the utmost respect for each other and themselves. You must have a GPA of 3.5 or above to apply.

**Requirements:**

- \*Applicants must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher \*Substance Free theme house
- \*Applicants must have a strong commitment to academic excellence as demonstrated by their responses to the application question
- \*Applicants should have a commitment to community living as demonstrated by their judicial record and ability to participate as a supportive and respectful member of the William Smith community



### Arts and Social Change

#### Sheppard House (141 St. Clair Street)

**Meal Plan:** Co-op

**Purpose:** To establish a creative community of artists working towards making the Arts more predominant on campus (including visual arts, music, dance, and other forms of artistic expression).

**Requirements:**

- \*Attend weekly dinners. Promote leadership values on and off campus.
- \*Discuss ways art can make social change.
- \*Minimum GPA of a 3.0
- \*Attend art events held on campus, as well as those close to campus on a regular basis.
- \*All residents must abide by quiet hours from 8pm to midnight on all weeknights and all day during final exam times.



### Community Service House

#### 737 South Main Street

**Meal Plan:** Partial Co-op/Choice

**Purpose:** To serve as a space where those interested in community service, service-learning and civic engagement can unite to share ideas and work together on projects that benefit the public good. The house will also serve as a location where students, faculty, staff, classes and campus organizations can come together for events that seek to promote active citizenship through public service, learning about others, understanding diversity, and promoting unity and community spirit.

**Requirements:**

- \*Participate in a minimum of 3 hours of voluntary service per week.
- \* Students accepted to live in the house will pay an extra \$75 to prepare one meal a week. as a house.



**Abbe Center**

**Folwell House (764 South Main Street)**

**Meal Plan:** Co-op

**Purpose:** To provide an environment for people of Jewish faith or with Jewish interests to gather and socialize. To celebrate Shabbat (the Jewish Sabbath) and other Jewish holidays. The house is also available to the HWS Hillel Organization for other activities. The house also will keep a kosher kitchen.

**Requirements:**

- \*Applicants must show an interest in Jewish culture and/or religion.
- \*Applicants must participate in Hillel activities.
- \*Applicants must be willing to live in a kosher arrangement



**German Language**

**99 St. Clair Street**

**Meal Plan:** Co-op

**Purpose:** To raise awareness of German language and culture through various on campus events and to create a community where students of German and international students from Germany can feel at home and learn from one another.

**Requirements:**

- \*Applicants must exhibit an interest in German Culture (through academic courses or involvement in the German House events)
- \*Applicants must be in good academic and social standing



**French and Francophone House**

**412 Pulteney Street**

**Meal Plan:** Co-op

**Purpose:** To foster an environment of community living for students interested in French language and culture. We hope to serve the interests of the students as well as the French department and to establish a greater presence in the HWS community through inclusive programs that promote cultural awareness and appreciation.

**Requirements:**

- \*Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- \*Applicants must have an interest in French language and culture (but need not be enrolled in French classes at HWS).



**Green House**

**Sill House (710 South Main Street)**

**Meal Plan:** Co-op

**Purpose:** To provide educational opportunities for others to learn how to live more sustainably or in a more environmentally sensitive manner while serving as a role model living community.

**Requirements:**

- \*House members will serve as a model and reminder to HWS and the Geneva community of the importance in caring for the environment.



**Music Appreciation House**

**Stucco House (283 Pulteney Street)**

**Meal Plan:** Choice

**Purpose:** To promote and encourage the prominence of music on campus and throughout our community

**Requirements:**

- \*Applicants must express interest in music.
- \*Applicants will be required to attend a minimum number of music productions presented each semester by the HWS music department.



**Multicultural Sisterhood of Women Leaders House (William Smith Students only)**

**Beta Sigma (756 South Main Street) Meal Plan: Co-op**

*Purpose:* To create a sense of solidarity among the women on campus, especially women leaders. To educate the HWS community about women's issues.

*Requirements:*

- \*Applicants should be aware of issues of social justice, most specifically sexism and racism on women
- \*Applicants should consider themselves to be a student leader on campus
- \*Attend a minimum of one Centennial Leadership Event and one Fisher Center Speaker/Event
- \*Minimum GPA 2.75



**International House**

**Brent House (287 Pulteney Street) Meal Plan: Choice**

*Purpose:* To promote multicultural living space for both international students and US students interested in foreign cultures.

*Requirements:*

- \*Applicants should be students who have spent a semester abroad or plan to spend a semester abroad, or have international experience.
- \*Applicants should express and interest in other cultures as represented by their academic curriculum (language classes, major/minor, etc.)
- \*Applications should be willing to provide their room for winter break housing for international students remaining on campus.



**Education and Human Interaction**

**402 Pulteney Street Meal Plan: Choice**

*Purpose:* To encompass the areas of education, sociology, and culture. We hope to bring together individuals in the Teacher Certification Program as well as those with an interesting in teaching/education.

*Requirements:*

- \*Applicants must demonstrate a strong interest in one or more areas of the theme (education, sociology, and culture) through involvement in classes or clubs.
- \*Have a GPA of at least 2.5. Although those with a lower GPA with stronger qualifications might be accepted.
- \*Residents would be expected to participate in over half of the house programs.



**Substance Free House**

**Carr-McGuire (775 South Main Street) Meal Plan: Choice**

*Purpose:* To provide a safe and substance free environment to students who are committed to a substance free lifestyle.

*Requirements:*

- \*Applicants must be willing to commit and be held accountable to a substance-free lifestyles (alcohol, tobacco, and other non-prescription substances), attend and participate in meetings and events, and be in good academic and disciplinary standing.



**Pathways House**

**Meal Plan: Choice**

*Purpose:* To provide a focused and supportive environment for serious, motivated students. Members of the house will work in collaboration with Salisbury Center for Career Services to promote the Colleges' Pathways program.

*Requirements:*

- \*Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- If you do not have a 3.0 but are still interested in applying for the House, please explain why your GPA is not at a 3.0, how you will work to improve it, and why you should still be considered for the House; we will be considering these on a case by case basis.*



**Emergency Services House**  
**737 South Main Street**

**Meal Plan: Partial Co-Op**

*Purpose:* With community service as one of the HWS's foremost virtues, persons who spend their time and energy in Emergency Services exemplify public outreach and community support. This house will aid the perpetuation of and student interest in these forms of public support.

*Requirements:*

- \*Must have interest in community service through emergency services
- \*Engage in regular community engagement related to emergency services
- \*Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or above
- \*In good standings with the HWS Deans' Offices
- \*Complete a short essay (roughly 500 words) on their interest in, experience with, and expectations of emergency services. More Specifically, how they intend to foster the goals and expectations of the ESH.



**Leaders of Tomorrow**

**Sigma Phi (624 S. Main St.)**

**Meal Plan: Choice**

*Purpose:* "Leaders of Tomorrow" is to give back to the college campus and the Geneva communities. Leaders of Tomorrow will be engaged on campus high standing above the crowd with community service. With this house, hard work will be paramount.

*Requirements:*

- \* Candidate must be in good academic and social standing; we will not permit any student in academic or social probation.
- \* Candidate must show that they have an affiliation with at least one organizational club on campus.
- \* Candidate have at a 2.5 GPA
- \*Candidate must demonstrate that they have prior community engagement experience and is willing to continue it as a Leader of Tomorrow.
- \* Candidate must serve as a role model both on and off campus.
- \* Candidate must have an appreciation for HWS's mission of Inclusive Excellence
- \*Candidate must have a hunger to strive for success



**Asian Language House**

**Cloverleaf**

**Meal Plan: Co-op**

*Purpose:* This is the house for students who are passionate about Asian languages and cultures. It provides an environment for the students to practice the languages and be surrounded by others who share the same interest.

*Requirements:*

- \*Residents should express an interest in either the language or cultural studies of Asia.
- \*Residents will be required to participate in all house events.
- \*Residents must be in good academic standing (minimum 3.0 GPA) and must possess tolerance for people of different racial backgrounds.