

## Academic Year 2019-2020

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### **About the Leadership House**

The Judson H. Taylor Leadership House Program at SUNY Cortland provides a unique cooperative living and learning experience. Residents have the opportunity to:

- Work together for the common good by enhancing leadership development and engagement/involvement for SUNY Cortland students within the campus and the greater community.
- Examine various aspects of leadership development including issues of ethics and values, communication, interpersonal relationships and group dynamics, and intentional engagement of difference and diversity.
- Work with a group of students who have been active participants in their communities by displaying leadership characteristics, holding leadership positions, and who have a desire to further enhance their leadership skills.
- Work with faculty and Student Affairs staff to provide campus programs, in-service workshops, and community services which will aid in the development of their personal leadership skills.



### **The Program**

Residency in the Leadership House provides individuals an opportunity to live within a cohort of 11 students with similar goals and interests related to leadership development. House membership, through coordination with the Residence Life and Housing Office, Academic Affairs, and the Institute for Civic Engagement, helps members to further develop leadership skills, become more involved with the campus community, appreciate diversity, and gain resume building skills.

### **Advantages of Living in the Leadership House**

Leadership House residents will receive a designated single room in the Leadership House for the 2019-2020 academic year at a cost of \$3,800. Leadership House students have the option of purchasing a meal plan or can choose not to. Internet access, cable television, and in-house laundry facilities are also provided without cost. The Leadership House has five parking spaces available for use by members. Use of these spaces will be determined giving priority to the house manager (one space) and then by credits earned for the remaining residents with registered vehicles.

### **Academic and Other Requirements**

Members of this living-learning community are expected to participate at the following campus events throughout the course of the 2019-2020 academic year. These offerings are designed to help you grow into an effective leader on SUNY Cortland's campus and in your future endeavors.

1. Leadership Retreats and Conferences
  - a. Attend Leadership House retreat at date to be determined based on LH residents' availability. Be prepared for a weekend/day trip through the outdoor pursuits program.
  - b. Participation in the annual spring SUNY Cortland Student Conference on Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice. Students from the Leadership House will present at the conference on the social change model of leadership.

2. Application of learned leadership skills from Leadership for Social Change course:
  - Complete 20 hours of community service by the end of the semester. The Leadership House Manager will create a community service log for record keeping.
  - Complete a 4 to 7 page reflection paper and go through an exit interview with the House Manager.

## **Application Requirements**

1. *Short Answer Questions:* Answer the questions listed on the application form on a separate paper and attach to the application.
2. *A current copy of your resume.*
3. *References:* Provide the names and contact information of two faculty or professional staff members.
4. *Academic and Student Conduct Record:* Candidates must be in good academic standing – cumulative GPA, as of the fall semester 2018, of 2.5 or higher. Student conduct standing will also be taken into consideration.
5. *Interview:* Candidates will be asked to meet with one or more members of the Leadership House team for an in-person or Skype interview when necessary.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *How much does it cost?*

The Leadership House provides residents with a designed-single room at the charge of \$3,800 per semester for the 2019-2020 academic year. Students residing in the Leadership House are not required to purchase a campus meal plan; they have the option of selecting an off-campus meal plan or no meal plan. The Leadership House is equipped with a full kitchen, and the House Manager is provided programming funds for occasional house dinners.

### *Can we have guests in the Leadership House?*

Leadership House students are held to the same community standards and expectations as residents in any other residence hall. Please refer to the room and board license for guidelines.

### *What events can we host in the Leadership House?*

The house is to be used in conjunction with the organization's goals and objectives. Any event in which more than 10 persons will be visiting the house must be approved by the RHD who oversees the Leadership House at least 48 hours prior to the event.

### *Who supervises the house?*

The Residence Life and Housing Office works in conjunction with the Institute for Civic Engagement to provide advisement and direction for the house. A Residence Life and Housing staff member will be living in the Leadership House to provide assistance for residents regarding maintenance needs and has authority over any behavioral issues unresolved by the residents. The House Manager position will be filled by a Resident Assistant with at least two semesters of experience (and in good standing). The House Manager will be supervised by a residence hall director and will be trained with other residence life staff.

As accomplished leaders, Leadership House residents will be expected to self-regulate the day-to-day operations of the house. Everything from agreement about parking space use to the cleanliness of the house will be included in a housemate contract the residents will co-create, agree upon, and sign. Residents will always be accountable to the Code of Conduct and Room and Board License first and foremost for their behavior as on-campus residents. Whenever a house resident leaves the house prior to the academic year commitment, a pro-rated stipend will be determined and adjusted after review by the Residence Life and Housing Office, in conjunction with the Institute for Civic Engagement.

# Leadership House Resident Application Form Academic Year 2019-2020



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ C#: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@cortland.edu Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Current Class Year:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Semesters you are applying for (check all that apply):  Fall 2019  Spring 2020

\*Preference will be given to applicants applying for the entire 2019-2020 academic year

Type responses to the following questions and attach to the application along with a copy of your resume. (Essay word total must be 2000 words or less.)

1. Describe a leadership experience you have had that has changed your perspective on something, had a profound impact on your life, or has transformed you in some other way.
2. Describe someone who you view as your role model and how they have influenced your leadership style and skills.
3. What is an area of leadership that you feel you need to develop? How will living in the Leadership House contribute to that?
4. What do you feel you can contribute to the campus community as a member of the Leadership House?
5. In your own words, please describe your vision of an ideal leader.

Name any other student(s) who are applying to the Leadership House with you:

Review the following statements and provide your acknowledging signature and date below.

- I have read and understand the information in the Leadership House Application Packet.
- I understand that any falsification of information on this application may result in elimination from the candidate pool.
- I understand that I am applying for and committing to the entire academic year as a resident in the Leadership House.
- I authorize the Residence Life and Housing Office to verify any information in this packet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Submit the completed application form, along with the required questions, a current copy of your resume (with names and contact information of two faculty or professional staff members), to the Residence Life and Housing Office, Attention: Ralph Carrasquillo, Director of Residence Life and Housing, B-33 Van Hoesen