

# MESSIAH COLLEGE

## Harrisburg Housing



### Program Description

**General Description:** Harrisburg housing, under the umbrella of the Messiah College's Harrisburg Institute, is charged with working to provide residents with opportunities to engage the College's mission through fostering a living-learning environment in an urban setting. Participation in this program is a privilege that carries with it great potential. Residents are given the opportunity to practice community life, engage with the city of Harrisburg, and examine their role in society in light of service within it.

Harrisburg Housing is located at 28 Dewberry St, one block away from Strawberry Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, the Capitol Complex and other downtown amenities. HBG Housing has capacity for 25 socially conscious and servant minded students. This is the perfect opportunity for students who are doing research with a professor, student teaching, have an internship, or are on an outreach team. Additionally, a shuttle for students makes daily runs between Grantham and Harrisburg

#### Expectations of Participation:

##### 1) Exploration of Community Life:

- Participation in a monthly community meal/meetings
- Connect with fellow residents through weekly potluck dinners and other activities
- Participation in the communal life of the Harrisburg residents. (Book/small group discussions, peer counsel, community events, orientations, etc.)

##### 2) Participation in Harrisburg city life:

- Active orientation to the city life of Harrisburg at least once per month (including film viewing, lectures, exhibits, performances, etc.)

##### 3) Engagement of Community Service:

- Participation and commitment to a community service program in Harrisburg
- Participation in a common service experience with Harrisburg residents once per semester

All residential questions pertaining to the Harrisburg Institute can be directed to Craig Dalen, Director of Community Life at Harrisburg at [cdalen@messiah.edu](mailto:cdalen@messiah.edu).

### **Who Should Apply:**

- People committed to connecting to the city of Harrisburg
- People committed to beginning to understand the political, economic, socio-cultural, religious and educational dynamics of Harrisburg.
- People committed to regularly participating in community service in Harrisburg
- People passionate about exploring intentional living arrangements

### **A successful applicant will:**

- Be a junior or senior (sophomores may apply depending on space availability)
- Complete the Harrisburg Housing application (essays should be ½ page type written)
- Complete one on campus reference
- Be free from all chapel, disciplinary and academic probation
- Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA
- Be open to an interview with the Director of Community Life at Harrisburg if the need arises

### **Application Timeline:**

1. *February 13, 21, 28*  
Information Sessions (applications handed out, sign up for tours of HBG Housing and I-House)  
11am-1pm, Larsen Student Union
2. *February 28*  
Tour HBG Housing location and I-House facility  
(all interested candidates invited, but must be signed up)  
Leaves the circle at 5:30pm and returns by 8:30pm
3. *March 9*  
Applications due to Craig Dalen at Campus Mail Box 4027
4. *March 16*  
Decision made and placements set. On campus housing begins 1<sup>st</sup> week of April

# Harrisburg Housing Application

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Housing: \_\_\_\_\_ Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Class Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

HBG Housing offers single, double & quad arrangements. Quads and doubles are suite-style. Please indicate which arrangement you are interested in:

1 person apartment       2 person suite       4 person suite

I applying for housing for:  Entire year (Fall & Spring)  Fall Only  Spring Only

Are you planning on having a vehicle in Harrisburg?  Yes  No

Proposed Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Please complete the following steps. Answers should be at least 1/2 page typewritten)*

- 1) Why are you applying for Harrisburg Housing? What do you hope to learn or gain from participating in this program?
- 2) Describe a time when you deliberately went beyond your comfort zone.
- 3) A requirement of living in Harrisburg Housing is participation in community service. Why do you think service is an important part of this program?
- 4) Provide a snapshot of your anticipated on-campus involvement (including clubs, sports, teams, commitments, etc.) for the upcoming year.
- 5) Please have an on campus faculty or staff member complete a reference form.
- 6) Sign the attached Harrisburg Housing Agreement

**Return completed applications to Craig Dalen, (Box 4027) by March 9, 2007**

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**I have given a reference form to:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title or Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Standing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapel Standing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Disciplinary Standing:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Harrisburg Housing Agreement: Commitment to the Vision

Living as a Messiah College Harrisburg resident is a privilege that carries with it great potential. It presents unique opportunities and unforeseen challenges. I recognize that by living in HBG I have a responsibility to myself, others that I live with, and the program's expectations. I am asked to be committed to the program, excited about my involvement and responsible for meeting the expectations set before me. I understand that the same standards outlined in the Community Covenant and Student Handbook apply to residents of Harrisburg Housing, and affirm the HBG program description and Messiah College's Community Covenant. Any questions I have of my expectations are brought to Craig Dalen, Director of Community Life. As a member of the community in HBG, I understand that I am expected to do the following:

- Be committed to and regularly volunteer for an organization working in Harrisburg
- Participate in one large service project with all HBG residents per semester
- Participate and be involved in HBG community dinners and monthly community meetings
- Attend and participate in monthly cultural events
- Participate in a one-month assignment of Peer Council
- Be willing to get to know my fellow residents, surrounding neighbors, and Craig Dalen
- Bring an attitude of service, excitement, and maturity to my experience in Harrisburg

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) agree to the following expectations set for me for the upcoming 2007-2008 academic year

\_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

MESSIAH COLLEGE  
**Harrisburg Housing Reference Form**

**To be completed by applicant:**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Do you, the applicant, waive your right of access, as afforded under state and federal law, to the information provided in this form?*

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the writer:**

This student is applying to live in Harrisburg Housing for the upcoming year and has listed you as a reference. We would appreciate your insight into the applicant's desire and fit for this program. For your assistance, the applicant can provide a program description.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being poor and 5 being excellent) please rate this applicant on the following:

Willingness to give of her/himself	1	2	3	4	5
Approachability	1	2	3	4	5
Flexibility	1	2	3	4	5
Willingness to learn	1	2	3	4	5
Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to live in close proximity with others	1	2	3	4	5
Openness to new ideas	1	2	3	4	5
Independence	1	2	3	4	5

Is there any other feedback you would like to provide about this applicant?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time known: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this reference form to:**  
***Craig Dalen, Director of Community Life at Harrisburg, Campus Mail, Box 4027***