



Bennion Service House

Officers Circle # 614
Residence Application
2018-2019 Academic Year

Each year twelve students who are driven to make significant service contributions to The University of Utah and the community are selected to reside in the Bennion Service House on historic Officers Circle. Residents gain unique opportunities to examine their own civic engagement in a living and learning community, while engaging in and promoting various service experiences throughout the year. Residents seek ways to serve as catalysts for the Bennion Center's mission of fostering life-long service and civic responsibility by engaging the University with the greater community in action, change and learning.

Application Deadline: March 2, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Please submit application to Bryce Williams in the Bennion Center, Union Building #101
or email submission to: Bryce.williams@utah.edu

*Selected candidates will be invited to 30-minute interviews. Interviews will be held on
Thursday, March 8, 2018 and Friday, March 9, 2018. Please allow time for this in your schedule.*

Note: Applicants must apply for housing with HRE prior to applying to live in the Bennion Service House. In filling out the application, please indicate your interest in the Bennion Service House in the Living and Learning portion of the housing application. For information see: <http://housing.utah.edu/>

Requirements for living in the Bennion Service House include:

Community Building: The Service House is a diverse community that includes twelve residents from a wide range of backgrounds and disciplines. Residents are expected to behave in a manner that is honest, respectful, courteous, and community-minded as this living environment and the community we engage in are diverse. Each resident is responsible for maintaining a personal attitude that fosters an atmosphere of community building.

GPA Requirement is cumulative 3.0. Students may seek special consideration for housing if they believe that the traditional academic measures do not represent their potential for academic success. For those who seek this exception please address this discrepancy by answering the additional question in the essay.

Monthly and Annual Events:

Service House Dialogues: Residents are involved in planning each Service House Dialogue, which includes selecting and researching dialogue topics, collaborating with community and campus guest speakers, outreach, facilitation and general event planning. Attendance is required for all residents. Each resident will plan and facilitate one dialogue with a team. There are three dialogues in the academic year, held usually the third or fourth Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30pm. Residents and panelists have dinner together from 6:00pm to 6:45pm.

Officers Hollow: Local children from Title I schools participate in a Halloween carnival and safe trick-or-treating event, hosted in collaboration with the College of Social Work. Residents participate by decorating the house and providing activities for the kids. The event takes place on a Saturday in October (3 to 4 hours).

Saturday Service Projects (SSP): Participation at each Bennion Center SSP is required of all residents. The SSP's are held the third Saturday of the month (3 to 4 hours). Time and location vary each month. Special assignments may be given to residents.

Project Youth: Service House residents support and participate in the annual Project Youth event on campus by attending and leading groups of students across campus. The program seeks to inspire students from Title I elementary schools across the Salt Lake valley to pursue higher education. The event takes place on Reading Day in April (5 to 6 hours).

Monthly House Meeting: House meetings are typically held in the first Tuesday of the month. Residents must attend monthly house meetings.

Cleaning Procedures: Residents are required to clean-up after themselves at all times, with a special focus on cleaning common areas and dishes.

Resident Group Photo: Scheduled early in the academic year. All residents are required to attend.

Other events and requirements will be added as needed.

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The Bennion Center aims to support students who are interested in positively contributing to the community through action, change and learning.

Name _____ Date _____

Preferred Name _____ Pronouns _____

Current Address _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____ Expected Graduation _____

Major(s) _____ Minor _____

Student ID # _____ Date of Birth _____

GPA from Fall 2017 semester _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Will you be living at your current address over the summer? Yes or No

If summer address is unknown, please provide a permanent address below:

_____ (street) _____ (apt. #)

_____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____ (country, if not U.S.)

Are you willing to sign a residential living contract? Yes or No

Do you plan on living in the Service House for the entire academic year? Yes or No

List any financial support you are receiving: (grants, loans, scholarships, stipends, etc)

Please respond to the following questions:

(Please limit each response to fewer than 250 words.)

If selected to live in the Service House, how will you contribute to the house, and to the wider residential living learning community at the University of Utah?

Explain how living in the house would help you achieve your Academic community and civic engagement related pursuits.

Please list your current interests in community engaged learning, service and Civic engagement, and describe how you are involved in these areas.

For students who need to address a GPA discrepancy; please explain why the traditional academic measures do not represent your academic success, why your GPA has fallen below 3.0 and how you plan on increasing it.

Scholarships are available for residents who reside in the house for the entire academic year and show a financial need along with an exemplary commitment to service. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please explain.

Please provide three references who can attest to your character and/or service experience

(Note: To remove any potential conflict of interest, please provide references who do not fall in these categories:
paid Bennion Center staff members, family members or religious affiliates)

Reference Name	Relationship to Applicant	Contact Information: Phone & Email

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by **March 2, 2018 at 5:00pm**