2008-2009 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 7, 2008.**

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

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**Writers’ House**

Trowbridge House (129 St. Clair)  
**Occupancy:** 6 spaces  
**Meal Plan:** Co-op

**Purpose:** To encourage an atmosphere of creativity for student writers on campus.

**Requirements:**
* All members are expected to participate in some form of writing on campus (The Aleph, Crux, Martini, The Herald, etc)
* Minimum GPA of a 2.5

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**French and Francophone House**

746 South Main Street  
**Occupancy:** 10 spaces  
**Meal Plan:** Co-op

**Purpose:** To promote awareness of the French and Francophone world and to aid students in continuing to develop their skills in cultural understanding and education. The house will provide a centralized education residence for the French/Francophone Studies, International Relations, European Studies, Political Science, Philosophy, and CGEs Francophone program students as well as the respected departments.

**Requirements:**
* To be a committed student who has a strong interest in French and Francophone cultures. This may include previous French language studies and/or any previous academic experience in French and/or Francophone culture.

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**Current Events and Issues**

730 South Main Street  
**Occupancy:** 18 spaces  
**Meal Plan:** Co-op

**Purpose:** The Current Events and Issues House will encourage global and political awareness by encouraging its residents to live an aware and engaged lifestyle. In addition to focusing on problems facing the United States, the house will explore the International community. Events such as oil prices and culture wars affect the entire world and merit impassioned debate.

**Requirements:**
* Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5
* Applicants must have a healthy interest in the issues and problems America as a nation and the world as a community are facing today. Students from all political ideologies are welcome.

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**Wildlife Conservation**

408 Pulteney Street  
**Occupancy:** 5 spaces  
**Meal Plan:** Choice

**Purpose:** To raise awareness among the community about birds and other wildlife. The house will be involved in education and conservation efforts.

**Requirements:**
* Interest in birds, conservation, or nature and a desire to learn about and educate the HWS community.
Arts and Social Change

McDaniels House (645 S. Main Street)  Occupancy: 12 spaces  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) as well as using their art to promote social change.

Requirements:
* Active and willing to participate in some form of Art and is interested in working for social change.
* Willing to use your art to make a statement and encourage change.
* Students need not be visual artists or even enrolled in art class, but the creative arts is something they wish to incorporate into their everyday life.

Performing Arts

133 St. Clair Street  Occupancy: 7 spaces  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.
* Minimum GPA of 2.5
* Past experience or interest in the performing arts on the HWS campus.

William Smith Honors House (William Smith only)

Stewardson House (780 S. Main Street)  Occupancy: 8 spaces  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
* Applicant 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

William Smith Centennial Leadership

Sheppard House (141 St. Clair Street)  Occupancy: 7 spaces  Meal Plan: Choice

Purpose: To celebrate the centennial through a comprehensive program containing history seminars, alumna speakers, and archive treasure hunts. To create a common ground that transcends divisions between women caused by race, sexual orientation, and religious views.

Requirements:
* Promote leadership values on and off campus
* Minimum GPA of a 2.5
* 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  Occupancy: 18 spaces  Meal Plan: Partial Co-op

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:
* Applicants will be evaluated based on review of the essay, a letter of recommendation from someone in a supervisory/leadership position that can speak to the applicant’s participation in service-learning and/or community service projects, the public service and service-learning projects the applicant has participated in, community standards and judicial records at the colleges.
* 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)  **

**Occupancy:** 9 Spaces  
**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  **

**Occupancy:** 7 spaces  
**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:**  
* Exhibit an interest in German Culture (through academic courses or involvement in the German House events)  
* Good academic and social standing

Christian Fellowship House

**412 Pulteney Street  **

**Occupancy:** 6 spaces  
**Meal Plan:** Co-op  
**Purpose:** To provide a nurturing environment for Christians and education for those wishing to learn more. Fellowship is an important part of Christian faith. The house will provide a place for Christians to come together for fellowship, worship, encouragement and fun. The house will also be a place for non-Christians to come and learn about Christianity. The house is substance-free

**Requirements:**  
* Applicants must be substance free.  
* Applicants must have a love for God or an interest in Christianity  
* All denominations are welcome

Green House

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

**Occupancy:** 12 spaces  
**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.

Asian Language House

**Stucco House (283 Pulteney Street)  **

**Occupancy:** 14 spaces  
**Meal Plan:** Co-op  
**Purpose:** To provide an environment that will foster the growth and development of Asian languages and cultures at HWS.

**Requirements:**  
* Applicants must express interest in the language or cultural studies of the countries of Asia.  
* Applicants will be required to participate in at least three ASU or house events.  
* Applicants must be in good academic standing (minimum 3.0 GPA) and must possess tolerance for people of different racial backgrounds.
Multicultural Sisterhood of Women Leaders House (William Smith Students only)
Beta Sigma (756 South Main Street)  
**Occupancy:** 15 spaces  
**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 1 WS Centennial Event and 1 Fisher Center Speaker/Event  
* Minimum GPA 2.75

International House
Brent House (287 Pulteney Street)  
**Occupancy:** 7 spaces  
**Meal Plan:** Co-op

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

**Requirements:**  
* Applicants must be students who have spent a semester abroad or plan to spend a semester abroad  
* Applicants should express and interest in other cultures as represented by their academic curriculum (language classes, major/minor, etc.)

Project Eye to Eye
402 Pulteney Street  
**Occupancy:** 6 spaces  
**Meal Plan:** Choice

**Purpose:** To continue the work of the campus Project Eye To Eye, a national mentoring program, that matches college and high school students with LD/ADHD, acting as tutors, role models and mentors with elementary, middle, and high school students with LD/ADHD in order to empower these students and help them achieve success.

**Requirements:**  
* Take part in Project Eye-to-Eye art rooms or must be involved in the club on campus.  
* Enthusiastic about empowerment of people with learning disabilities as well as involvement in other volunteer programs.  
* Work closely with the Center for Teaching and Learning

Substance Free House
775 South Main Street  
**Occupancy:** 31 spaces  
**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/Lifelong Scholars
295 Pulteney Street  
**Occupancy:** 8 spaces  
**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. Lifelong Scholars theme house members will provide a pleasant, supportive atmosphere for students preparing for graduate studies.

**Requirements:**  
* Minimum GPA of 3.0 for both themes  
* House members will be required to take the Strong and MBTI personal assessments with Career Services