

## Gender Inclusive Housing Agreement

*Gender Inclusive Housing* provides a living environment welcoming to all gender identities and is not limited by the traditional gender binary. This environment allows for same-gender, opposite-gender, non-gender or other-gender identities to live as roommates regardless of biological sex in a platonic environment in which they feel safe and supported; it is not intended for, nor does it promote, romantic cohabitation.

It is the individual student's choice to communicate with parents or family members about the decision to live in a gender inclusive housing situation. The Office of Residence Education encourages this conversation between parents or family members about this choice so that there is a mutual understanding of the living environment.

In many of residence halls, there remains bathrooms for specific genders as well as gender inclusive bathrooms. Other notes to consider include:

- This agreement and process is designed for non-first year students. First year students, in accordance with our Gender Neutral Housing Policy, must communicate needs directly to Residential Education in order to be assigned to housing that best meets their needs.
- *Gender Inclusive Housing* is available, without use of this form, in the Village at Odell's (singles). Suite-level *Gender Inclusive Housing* is available in Emerson. In any other Hobart and William Smith joint residence hall (i.e. co-ed housing), students may select a single without the use of this form.
- Students who wish to live in a multi-bed room (*a double, triple, quad*) with someone of a different biological sex must utilize this agreement and process. If students wish to select a double bedroom within a suite as gender inclusive, all suitemates must sign this agreement.
- Students selecting a multi-bed room (*a double, triple, quad*) must be able to fill all spaces in the room with other students who have requested gender-inclusive housing. Once a room or suite is designated as gender-inclusive, it will remain gender-inclusive for the duration of the academic year. In the event of a vacancy, Residential Education will fill the vacancy first with an individual who consents to living in a gender-inclusive space, and then using the normal housing process of same-biological sex roommate matching.

**The Colleges encourage students to discuss this program with their parents/guardians before selecting gender-inclusive housing.**

<b>Roommate Request(s)</b>	
Both roommates must have completed and turned in the Gender Inclusive Housing Agreement. Signing below indicates your agreement with the procedures and policies listed not only on this agreement form, but also within the Community Standards.	
I hereby understand and agree to the conditions for participation in <i>Gender Inclusive Housing</i> .	
Room Requested (check): <input type="checkbox"/> Double (traditional) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (in suite) <input type="checkbox"/> Triple <input type="checkbox"/> Quad	
Student Name:	
ID#:	
Signature:	Date Signed: _____
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Please make sure that you complete the online ***Returning Student Room Application*** and return this agreement to the Office of Residence Education at 101 St. Clair Street by **March 15, 2016** for **General Room Selection**.

***For all other room selection procedures (380 South Main and Emerson), the form must be submitted 24 hours in advance of published deadlines.***