**RWU Honors Program**

**Honors Ambassador Application**

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**Honors Ambassador Expectations**

The role of the Honors Ambassador is to assist first-year Honors students in their transition into the RWU Honors community and into campus life as a whole. A unique expectation of the Honors Ambassador is to communicate and model for first-year Honors students what it means to be a ***Citizen-Scholar***.

The Honors Ambassador is uniquely positioned to do this by encouraging students to ***think about their new identity as an Honors student—someone who pursues a high level of scholarship* *and who is committed to using one’s intellectual talents and skills for the betterment of society through civic engagement and community service.***

Unlike other campus leadership roles that emphasize the social aspects of the first-year transition, Honors Ambassadors are also expected to facilitate students’ transition into the intellectual and academic world of Honors at the college level. Honors Ambassadors serve as models of academic success and of the value of Honors program membership.

To be effective in this role, Honors Ambassadors must be well-versed in Honors and knowledgeable about the expectations for the incoming class. This means that Honors Ambassadors must gain a clear understanding of the requirements of the program. Honors Ambassadors should be prepared to describe the Honors courses being offered in the fall, and to answer questions regarding the Honors LLC. Honors Ambassadors are also expected to complete the Honors Summer Reading Project.

**Honors Ambassador Responsibilities**

* Serve as a peer mentor for 6-8 Honors program students to provide guidance and support regarding their transition to RWU and into Honors.
* Contact assigned students during the month of **July**. Record and submit the contact log to Dr. Campbell by August 15th (see attached instructions).
* Facilitate the Honors early move-in on Thursday (Aug 22), join students for dinner at the Commons, and organize games, movies, and other social activities for Thursday evening (with the Stonewall IV RAs).
* Participate in the Honors August retreat (Fri., Aug 23) for first-year students and the Honors Community Connections event (Mon., Aug 26). At the retreat, Honors Ambassadors will facilitate afternoon discussion groups relating to the summer reading assignment (additional instructions will be provided later in the summer).
* Serve as an ongoing resource for first-year students who have questions regarding Honors requirements and opportunities.

Please answer the following questions regarding your candidacy for the role as Honors Ambassador. You may submit your responses directly on this form, or electronically in a separate document. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of Honors faculty and student representatives (former Honors Ambassadors).

**\*\*Applications are due by Friday, April 12, 2019 at noon\*\***

**Decisions will be announced by April 30th**

1. Please list other clubs or activities you are involved in:

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1. Have you applied for or have you committed to one or more of the following leadership positions for next year?
   1. Resident Assistant (RA) Yes No
   2. Orientation Advisor (OA) Yes No
   3. CSAS Peer Mentor Yes No
2. Briefly explain why you are interested in becoming an Honors Ambassador.
3. Why do you think you are a good fit for the position? What unique characteristics do you feel you would bring to the Honors Ambassador position? OR, why is your personality well-suited for the Honors Ambassador role?
4. How would you describe your experiences in Honors during your first-year? What parts of that experience would you like to replicate for the incoming students? What do you think could have improved your transition to RWU or your experiences in Honors during that time?