

APPLICATION FOR SUMMER RESIDENCE

MISSION STATEMENT:

Rooted in the love of Jesus and His Church, the graduate students living in George Barry Ford Hall strive to support one another in pursuing holiness through intentional Catholic community. Participation in prayer, sacraments, meals, and service form the basis of our communal life, teaching us to grow in virtue and encounter Christ in the Other. We invite other graduate students into this experience of Christian fellowship through retreats, dinners, and Bible studies, and share the witness of our faith with the wider Columbia community.

Personal information:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of birth: _____

Local address: _____

Permanent address: _____

Email address: _____ Cell phone: _____

Religious tradition in which you were raised: _____

Faith community/ parish in which you currently participate: _____

Facebook Address: _____ X address: _____

Instagram Address: _____ Linked in: _____

Educational background:

College: _____ Major: _____ Yr. of graduation: _____

Graduate institution (if any): _____ Field of study: _____

Summer Plans: _____

Emergency contact person:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell number: _____ Email address: _____

Part I: What Ford Hall is

George Barry Ford Hall is a residence for Catholic graduate students at Columbia University who seek to live in a cooperative housing environment with other students who share their faith. We value prayer, community living, and volunteer work. During the semester, we contribute to house governance by doing our assigned chores, cooking for each other, participating in once-a-semester house cleaning days, and being present at monthly house meetings. We provide opportunities for weekly house prayer and house Mass, and we support the Catholic Campus Ministry by participating in ministry events throughout the semester. These aspects of community life are relaxed during the summer, but residents are still expected to abide by the Rules of Ford Hall by cooking monthly house dinners, doing chores, contributing to community life, and living a faithful Catholic life.

As faithful Catholics, we commit to a life of prayer, chaste living, drinking alcohol in moderation, and not using illegal drugs. We commit to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, to confess sins at least once a year, and to help provide for the material needs of the church through donations and volunteer work.

Part II: Basic Background Information: On a separate piece of paper, please respond briefly (two or three sentences at most) to the following...

1. What experience, if any, have you had with Ford Hall? Have you known any residents?
2. In light of your obligations, would you be able to contribute to community life at Ford Hall during the summer? Are you similarly committed to living by the Rules of Ford Hall with regard to the practice of the Catholic faith?
3. Do you have any mental, physical, dietary and/or other health related conditions that you feel we should know?

Part III: Using a separate piece of paper, please respond to the following briefly (one paragraph):

1. Why do you want to live at Ford Hall this summer?
2. What unique talents, gifts and strengths will you bring to Ford Hall?
3. What does being a Catholic mean to you? How do you try to live according to that understanding?

Part IV: Recommendations

Please provide two letters of recommendation as part of your application. The first recommender should be a spiritual reference from a priest or religious or campus minister, who can speak to your practice of the faith and capacity to integrate easily in a house that lives with eagerness the Catholic faith. The second should be a peer (a past roommate is strongly preferred) who can speak to your human and communal virtues. These recommendations can be included with your application or emailed separately to fordhallcolumbia@gmail.com. Please list below those from you will seek these recommendations.

1. Spiritual Recommender (*Priest/religious or Campus Minister*)

Name: _____

Relationship/Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

2. Peer Recommender (past roommate, if possible)

Name: _____

Relationship/Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____