

# **APPLICATION FOR 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 and study 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: \_\_\_\_\_ LinkedIn: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Educational background:**

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr. of grad.: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate

institution (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Field of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Current or

prospective graduate school at Columbia: \_\_\_\_\_ Field of study:

\_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to complete your degree? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Emergency contact person:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Part I: What is Ford Hall?**

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. Each semester, we do a weekend retreat outside of New York City. During the semester, we contribute to house governance by cooking dinners for each other, completing regular chores, 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.

As Catholics, we commit to 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 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 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 academic year? 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 about?

## **Part III: Using a separate piece of paper, please respond to the following:**

1. Why do you want to live at Ford Hall?
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: References (See Character reference forms below)**

A total of TWO Character References are required with your Ford Hall Application. References should be supplied by the following people:

1. **A Spiritual Reference** (*Priest/religious or Campus Minister*)
2. **A Peer** (*past roommate, if possible*)

\*References can be emailed separately from your application to Ford Hall at [<fordhallcolumbia@gmail.com>](mailto:fordhallcolumbia@gmail.com)

(Spiritual reference)

Name & phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please assess the applicant on her/his ability and readiness to thrive and to manage the demands of service work, community living and faith formation. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated and very helpful to us. You may answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper if this would be easier for you.*

**Your responses will remain confidential.**

1. Why would you nominate/recommend this applicant?
  
  
  
  
  
2. How long and how well have you known this applicant? Describe the situation(s) in which you have known her/him.
  
  
  
  
  
3. How have you witnessed the applicant living out his/her religious convictions?
  
  
  
  
  
4. Is there anything else that you would like to add to help us better assess the applicant's ability to participate meaningfully in the program?

(A Peer)

Name & phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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1. How long and how well have you known this applicant? Describe the situation(s) in which you have known her/him.
2. We want to understand how the applicant would fit with our community. Please honestly describe her/his personality, for example his/her sense of humor, dependability, flexibility, and creativity.
3. Can this person be counted on to follow through on significant commitments? Please explain and give examples if possible (ie. Time management, quality of work, etc).
4. How does the applicant react to conflicts and problem situations?
5. Describe the applicant's ability to work with others. What qualities help or hinder her/him? Please give concrete examples.