Housing Sign-Up Information about the Gender Inclusive Living Community 2015-2016

The Gender Inclusive Living Community is intended for students who are interested in having a safe, inclusive, comfortable and supportive community living experience for people of all gender identities and expressions. The community supports students who identify as transgender and gender non-conforming in choosing or being placed with a roommate of any gender.

Students who live in this community will be expected to contribute positively to the community by:

• Offering support and encouragement of the living environment
• Respecting floor members’ different motivations for choosing this living option
• Embracing and learning from experiences different form one’s own
• Actively participating in community events
• Abiding by all University Residences and University policies and regulations

More information on the Gender Inclusive Living Community, can be found here: [http://www.housing.purdue.edu/Housing/GenderInclusiveLiving.html](http://www.housing.purdue.edu/Housing/GenderInclusiveLiving.html)

If you are interested in a gender inclusive room, a personal assessment of the available options is available. To discuss your interest or preferences, contact: Lowell Kane, Director of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Center at (765) 496-6231 kane14@purdue.edu or Christa Pazera, Senior Associate Director, Residential Life (765) 494-0200 cbhpazera@purdue.edu.

Definitions

• **Transgender** is a term used for people whose gender identity, expression or behavior is different from those typically associated with their assigned sex at birth, including but not limited to transsexuals, cross-dressers, androgynous people, genderqueers and gender non-conforming people.
• **Gender non-conforming** is a term for individuals whose gender expression is different from societal expectations related to gender.
• **Gender identity** is an individual’s internal sense of being a man, a woman, both, neither, two-spirit, multi-gender, bi-gender, or another configuration of gender. Since gender identity is internal, one’s gender identity is not necessarily visible to others.
• **Gender expression** is the external manifestation of one’s gender identity, usually expressed through “masculine”, “feminine” or gender variant behavior, clothing, haircut, voice or body characteristics.
• **Cisgender** is a term used to describe people who, for the most part, identify as the gender they were assigned at birth. For example, if a doctor said “it’s a boy!” when you were born, and you identify as a man, then you could be described as cisgender. In other words, ‘cisgender’ is used to describe people who are not transgender.

Definition Sources: National Center for Transgender Equality; Mara Keisling, Executive Director, [http://transequality.org](http://transequality.org) and Basic Rights Oregon, [http://www.basicrights.org/](http://www.basicrights.org/)

This application DOES NOT REPLACE completing a housing contract with University Residences. If you want to live in a University residence hall, you must complete a housing contract for **2015-16**, regardless of whether or not you are applying for a Living Community. You cannot be selected for and placed in a Living Community with required residence in a residence hall if you have not completed a housing contract.

Applying for a Living Community and completing a housing contract are TWO SEPARATE PROCESSES. You can access the online housing contract here: [http://www.housing.purdue.edu/Housing/Contracting/index.html](http://www.housing.purdue.edu/Housing/Contracting/index.html)
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Name:______________________________  PUID:____________________

Preferred Name: ______________________________

Pronouns(s):__________________________  Current Class Standing: ______

Major:____________________________

Preferred Roommate:________________________

If you have someone that you want to live with please provide that person’s name here. Your requested roommate must also complete Gender Inclusive Living Community Application.

Short Answer Questions. Please provide response s to the following questions:

- Why are you interested in living in the Gender Inclusive Living Community?
- Describe your understanding and/or comfort level with exploring concepts of gender (examples include those related to academics, personal experiences, and/or community experiences).
- Please provide any additional information that you think would be helpful for staff to know about your or your interest in the Gender Inclusive Living Community.

Each applicant may be required to attend educational workshops on gender as part of the application process.

Applications are still being accepted and placed on a waiting list for the 2015-16 academic year.

Applications can be turned in to :

   Makeba Washington at the Purdue LGBTQ Center, Schleman Hall, Room 230