



Honors Residential Learning Community: Description

The premier place serious scholars, excellent leaders, and responsible citizens call their campus home!

If you're interested in:



The Honors RLC is a perfect home for you!

Description of the Honors RLC:

The Honors Residential Learning Community, in Murphy Annex, is a unique housing experience for scholar-citizens dedicated to discovery of the world and to pursuits that improve the lives of others. The Honors RLC provides programs that emphasize academic excellence, promote professional development, value leadership, celebrate cultural diversity, and stress philanthropic service to communities, locally (UMES; Eastern Shore) and globally.

Admission to the Honors RLC is by separate application in addition to a complete a housing contract on Hawkville, the online housing reservation system for UMES. Priority consideration is given to members of the Richard A. Henson Honors Program and to other interested students whose cumulative GPA is 3.5 or higher. Students whose cumulative GPA is 3.0 or higher are encouraged to apply, as a waitlist is maintained for this desirable community!

Are you interested also in the full benefits enjoyed by members of the Honors Program?

If so, view the Program's eligibility criteria and start your application today by visiting:

<http://www.umes.edu/honors/admissions.html>.



Honors Residential Learning Community: How to Apply!

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How to apply to live in the Honors RLC:

- 1/ First, **complete your housing contract on time** with the Office of Residence Life on [Hawksville](#). Indicate Murphy Annex as your first preference. Then, **proceed with the Honors RLC application:**
- 2/ Complete the application's **Personal Data Sheet (p. 3)**;
- 3/ Carefully read and sign the **Community Agreement (p. 4)**. Submit both of these, accompanied by:
- 4/ **A résumé** detailing your academic achievements/awards and the following that are applicable to you:
 - (a) co-curricular activity (club membership/leadership roles, athletics, arts, etc.);
 - (b) employment and/or internship experience;
 - (c) community service history;
 - (d) international study / travel; languages studied;
 - (e) special training, skills, or talents.

Include enough information for reviewers to have a sense of you as a “well-rounded” person!

High School applicants, consult with your guidance counselor when preparing your résumé.

Current UMES students, schedule an appointment with the [Office of Career Services](#).

- 5/ **A one-page essay** in which you detail:
 - (a) how living in the Honors RLC will advance your personal and pre-professional goals; and
 - (b) what specific contributions you hope to make to the Honors RLC.

Remember, the most confident and competent writers benefit from feedback and editorial help.

Be sure to use Spell Check and Grammar Check and ask a teacher or friend to proof-read your essay!

Current UMES students might consider a visit to the [University Writing Center](#).

Submit your application to the Honors Program office:

Dr. Michael E. Lane, Director
Richard A. Henson Honors Program
Suite 2051 Hazel Hall
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Princess Anne, MD 21853

Email: melane@umes.edu
(Please put “**Honors RLC**” in subject line)

FAX: (410) 621-3750

Questions? Stop by our office or call: (410) 621-3070

Honors Residential Learning Community Application: Personal Data Sheet

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Please complete all information. Print legibly or type.

Student Name: _____ (First) (M.I.) (Last)	Student ID #: _____
Class Standing: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior	Email: _____
Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____	Gender: ___ Male ___ Female
Major(s):	Are you currently a member of the Honors Program at UMES? ___ Yes ___ No
Do you have any special needs that require accommodation? If so, please describe. If none, leave blank.	If you are <i>not</i> in the Honors Program, do you plan to apply? ___ Yes ___ Maybe ___ No
What talents, hobbies, and interests do you have that are <i>not</i> featured on your résumé?	What is your current, cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)? _____ <i>(Admission to the Honors Program requires a GPA of 3.3 or higher for first-time Freshmen, of 3.5 or higher for continuing UMES students. Non-honors students seeking to live in the Honors RLC should have a GPA of at least 3.0).</i>
If you have a roommate preference, please indicate the person's name below: _____ (First) (M.I.) (Last) <i>(Both individuals must complete an application, be approved as members of the RLC, and request one another as roommates).</i>	Listed below are some of the priorities of the Honors RLC. Please check the three (3) of most interest to you: ___ Academics ___ Community Service ___ Professional Development ___ Leadership ___ Social Programming ___ Internationalization

Honors Residential Learning Community Application: Community Agreement

Rights and Responsibilities of the Honors RLC

Members of the Honors RLC enjoy access to special programs and exclusive privileges. In return, members agree to comply with all associated policies and to contribute fully to the community as detailed in this agreement.

In signing this, I agree to:

- maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. (*Honors students: must maintain 3.3+*);
- support an environment where learning flourishes;
- behave responsibly and ethically at all times and treat with dignity and respect all persons with whom I interact as a member of this community;
- abide by all policies and rules published by the Office of Residence Life and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (*Code of Student Conduct; Student Handbook*);
- (*Freshmen*): enroll in GNST 188H: Honors Freshmen Seminar: Selves & Others
- (*Upper classes*): participate in the RLC mentoring program, facilitating the transition of Freshmen peers to their new collegiate lives;
- attend and make regular, meaningful contributions to RLC-sponsored events (cultural programs; lecture/workshop series; planning meetings; group study sessions; social mixers; fundraisers);
- complete a brief survey at the end of each semester to evaluate the RLC and suggest improvements to it;
- be involved in the philanthropic efforts undertaken by the community at various levels, including service to:
 - 1) the Honors Program and/or to the Honors RLC;
 - 2) the University of Maryland Eastern Shore;
 - 3) the neighboring communities (Princess Anne; Salisbury; Eastern Shore); and
 - 4) a(n) (inter)national cause, agency, etc.

Statement and Signature of Agreement

"I understand that, as a resident member of the Honors RLC, I must abide by all academic, co-curricular, service, and social requirements of the community as detailed above and of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore as detailed in the Student Handbook and Code of Student Conduct. I understand that failure to comply with regulations or to fulfill my obligations to the community may result in my dismissal from the Honors RLC."

Signature

Date