

# Gender Inclusive Housing 2015-2016

## Policy & Agreement

Roger Williams University's Department of Residence Life and Housing is committed to working with all students to meet their housing needs in an environment that values diversity and promotes dignity of all people.

As a student selecting to live in gender inclusive housing, I agree to follow the terms/conditions listed below:

1. I understand that (1) gender inclusive housing is defined as a housing option in which two or more students share a multiple-occupancy apartment or room, in mutual agreement, regardless of the students' sex or gender and (2) that the intent of this agreement is to give students the option to reside with another person of a different gender or sex in order to provide a welcoming living environment, and (3) allows/encourages students in the process of discovering their gender identity; those who do not wish to identify themselves by gender; gay or bisexual students; and students who feel more comfortable with a roommate of a different gender the option to find a more compatible roommate and living situation within this community.
2. In order to be eligible for gender inclusive housing, I must adhere to the housing application and deposit deadlines, receive a lottery number and all students in the apartment/room must complete and sign the gender inclusive housing policy and agreement. Applications must be received in the housing office no later than 4:00 PM on Friday February 27, 2015
3. I understand that if I exhibit behavior that is contrary to the spirit of this agreement I may be relocated to a different housing accommodation on campus that may not be gender inclusive housing.
4. I understand that a wide variety of gender inclusive housing options will be available to students; however, there will be a limited number designated by building, room type and rate and the Housing Office will give me the option of a building based upon my preferences, class standing and lottery number. Gender Inclusive is only available in Almeida, NCRH, Bayside, Baypoint, Willow, or Maple Halls.
5. If my apartment/roommate(s) cancel their housing or moves out of the room for any reason, the remaining roommate(s) must identify a new roommate(s) to fill the vacancy. The Housing Office will define the time allocated to find a new roommate. This window of time will vary depending on time of year and the status of the housing waitlist. Typically, a resident will be allowed a minimum of 48 hours, but not more than one week to identify another eligible roommate. If a roommate(s) is not identified to fill the vacancy within the time period, the Housing Office reserves the right to: (1) assign any student who indicates they are interested in living in gender inclusive housing, (2) assign a student of the same sex or (3) relocate/consolidate the current resident(s) to a different gender inclusive space that meets their needs. Room types cannot be guaranteed if a student is moved.
6. Like most Universities, Roger Williams University discourages students of any sexual orientation who are in a relationship from living together in a residence hall housing unit, although we do not question the student's motives for wanting to live in a gender-inclusive housing option.
7. It is the student's choice to communicate with parents or family members about the decision to live in a gender-inclusive housing option. The Housing Office encourages this conversation between parents or family members and students about the housing choice so that they can be in support of the student's decision.

Hall Preferences: 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate #4 \_\_\_\_\_