

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPARKY SERVICE HOUSE
Application

TO: Students Interested in Sparky Service House residency
FR: Nicholas Holton, Service Learning Coordinator

RE: Application Process

Thank you for your interest in the Sparky Service House, located on Kirtland Community College's Campus at 10775 N. St. Helen Road Roscommon, MI 48653. This information will assist you in determining your involvement and alert you to the manner in which candidates will be reviewed for participation and residency.

The Service Learning Coordinator and AmeriCorps*VISTA will participate in resident interviews. The current Sparky Service House residents will review applications and give their feedback for review. We will be looking for service leaders who can initiate and implement creative service ideas, have the ability to deal with diverse situations, and who can work and live cooperatively with others. (Rooms are double occupancy)

We urge you to review your commitment to the concept of cooperative service living. Please review the following responsibilities to ensure your ability to demonstrate:

1. A genuine interest in living in a facility that is built around promoting volunteerism, service learning and civic engagement and an interest in developing projects both on and off campus.
2. The ability to work as an integrated member of a team, communicating and cooperating with other house members and service oriented organizations on campus to best utilize the skills of others and available resources.
3. Willingness to accept cooperative living with attention to house chores including: regular cleaning of one's own room, common areas, and limited grounds care.
4. Willingness to make service and efforts of the Sparky Service House a significant priority among your many college commitments (please honestly determine your desire and ability to be an active contributor to the Sparky Service House activities).
5. Complete understanding of the benefits and responsibilities of such living which include a desire to take an active role in promoting and coordinating the efficient and effective service endeavors by assuming a critical role within the house.

One of the following critical roles will be assigned to each resident:

1. Fall Sparky Service House Project Coordinator: Responsible for coordinating service projects for the house in the Fall Semester. The coordinator will also be responsible for scheduling and maintaining the house calendar, which must be updated on the 1st of every month (date may change due to winter/spring break schedule).
2. Winter Sparky Service House Project Coordinator: Responsible for coordinating service projects for the house for the Winter Semester. The coordinator will also be responsible for scheduling and maintaining the house calendar, which must be updated on the 1st of every month (date may change due to winter/spring break schedule).
3. Student senate and KCC Board of Trustees Liaison: Attend Student Senate and KCC Board meetings and share information on service projects and opportunities with Sparky Service House Members and other campus organizations.
4. Sparky Service House Project Coordinator Assistant: Assist with coordinating Fall and Winter house service projects. The assistant will also recruit other KCC students, faculty and staff to participate in Service House projects, and help recruit future Service House residents.

General Comments

1. To be eligible for residency in the Sparky Service House, a student must have a 3.25 GPA or higher.
2. Preference will be given to the student with leadership positions in campus service organizations and/or participation in community service organizations.
3. Priority will be given to students committing to stay for the full academic year.
4. Upon being chosen to live in the Sparky Service House, the student will execute a contract which spells out the expectations for cooperative living and critical role responsibilities. The purpose of such a contract is to ensure that all residents of the Sparky Service House actively promote and maintain the house mission and in an atmosphere conducive to positive living, learning, and service.
5. Members of the Sparky Service House will be evaluated at the end of the year by themselves, other house members, and the Service Learning Coordinator. Evaluations will include participation and perception of cooperation with other house members and critical role responsibilities.

We are excited that you share our enthusiasm for the Sparky Service House and the excellent learning opportunity that it offers.

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Name: _____

College E-Mail: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Expected Terms of Residency in Sparky Service House: _____

Year of Graduation: _____ Major: _____

Other areas of academic emphasis: _____

List and describe your participation in volunteer organizations or service learning projects:

What are your hobbies and other expected time commitments?

What special skills would you bring to the Sparky Service House? Be specific.

List several of your strongest and weakest personality traits:

Describe the reasons you would like to join the Sparky Service House community, what you hope to contribute, and what you hope to gain from the experience.

What critical role position most interests you, and why?

Name of Person from Sparky Service House who Referred You (optional): _____

In addition to this application, please **submit one letter of recommendation**. This letter should address your ability to get along with other people and your service commitment.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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