

# SDLC Application

2010—2011 ACADEMIC YEAR

- **SDLC Application Available: 12/1/09**
- **SDLC Application Due: 1/29/10**
- **SDLC Interview Week: 2/8/10 to 2/19/10**
- **Notifications: 3/5/10**

## Overview of Student Directed Learning Community!

Established in 1992, the Student Directed Learning Communities (SDLC) are housing opportunities within the College-owned homes along the perimeter of the campus. They offer small groups of upper class students the opportunity to create a unique, self-directed living environment,

centered on a common theme, issue, or interest through which the group is expected to



share and enrich the campus community. The SDLC's are awarded in the

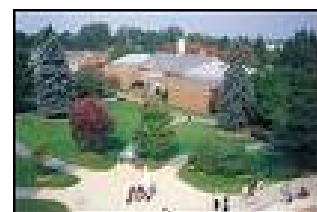
spring semester through a very selective application procedure coordinated by a committee of students, faculty and staff. Residents are responsible for their own cooking, cleaning, and house management details. Optional meal plans are available.



## What is Service Learning?

Service learning integrates community service into academic instruction to support the learning goals of a course while meeting real community needs. The connection between

academic study and community service offers a dynamic opportunity to strengthen student learning in a powerful context where students gain first hand.



# SDLC Application Expectations

As a group applying for an SDLC you are required to submit the following information:



1) **Application:**

Questions answered thoughtfully by the entire group in a typed format.

2) **Student Information:**

Resumes of all students who wish to participate in the house

and the program.

3) **Advisor:** You must have a statement from an advisor who is willing to work with your program.

4) **Interview/Presentation:** When you submit your application materials to the Office of Residence Life, you will be asked to sign up for an SDLC interview. Please choose the best time slot

that is available.

Presentations should be professionally based and cover the items in your application materials.

5) **GPA/Judicial**

**Check:** All applicants must have & maintain a semester and cum 2.5 GPA & have a clean judicial background. Completing the SDLC application allows this check to occur.

“There are two kinds of gratitude: the sudden kind we feel for what we receive, and the larger kind we feel fro what we give.”

- Edward Arlington Robinson

## Looking to Start A New SDLC?

The Office of Residence Life is always looking to implement new traditions and communities. If you feel you have a new SDLC Community Theme, we encourage

you to apply with your interested housemates and make your mark to a new service project on our campus community.



## Reflection

SDLC’s continue to reflect on their service project. Reflection is an essential process for transforming experiences gained from the service activities into genuine

learning. It is crucial for integrating the service experience with the SDLC theme topics. Reflection enhances students’ critical understanding of the service project topics

and their ability to assess the individuals own values, goals and progress.



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## Please type your answers to the following questions:

Please list the members of your SDLC, their major, year, a brief history of everyone as well as their experience in the organization. A resume, with three professional references is required for each applicant.

What does “service learning” mean to you and your housemates and how does it impact your level of involvement in a community.

What is the mission of your program?

If your group is granted an SDLC what monthly programs would you implement? Please provide descriptions of each event as well as detailed Learning Objectives for the programs.

How do you plan to execute these programs?

What benefits do these programs offer to the Elizabethtown community?

Why is an independent home setting necessary to achieve your group’s program?

How will the campus as a whole benefit from your residential experience? How will you involve campus and community members?

Explain the role of your individual SDLC program advisor. How will he or she interact with your group? Please attach a letter of support from you advisor indicating their role and interest in the community.

In what ways and capacity will your SDLC continue and implement reflection for the service learning projects that are completed.

Describe the evaluation process you will use for each member’s individual participation in your SDLC. What process will you use to resolve individual participation/confrontation issues? Please include a provision for the removal of a non-contributing member.

What kind of program do you propose for “Into the Streets” 2010? Explain the program’s connection to your overall SDLC program.

If you are an **SDLC that already exists** for the 2009 – 2010 academic year, please provide an evaluation synopsis of your fall semester in regards to: programming updates/evaluation; participation of house members, and the strengths and areas of improvements needed for your house to be successful.

If you had to rank your top five choices for house placement, what would they be and why?

**\*\* Residence Life reserves the right to move and assign SDLC’s each year based on availability and interest in the SDLC program. \*\***

\*\*\*Current SDLC programs should submit DIFFERENT applications and programs for the new academic year. Reprints and copies from previous years will not be accepted.\*\*\*



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**“The great difficulty in education is to  
get experience out of ideas. “**

**- George Santayana**

## Questions or Comments?

If you have any  
questions or comments  
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Application or the  
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**“No act of kindness,  
however small, is  
wasted.”**

**- Aesop**