

## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. When are the Interest Sessions and are they mandatory?**

Information Sessions are mandatory. The purpose of these sessions is to give you more information about the selection process and to give you a chance to ask specific questions of us on the spot. Current RAs and RDs, as well as housing professionals will be present. The following are the dates for the interest sessions:

- i. 1.12.10: Colvard Student Union Fowlkes Auditorium , 7:00pm.
- ii. 1.13.10: Colvard Student Union Fowlkes Auditorium, 7:00pm.
- iii. 1.20.10: Colvard Student Union Fowlkes Auditorium, 7:00pm.

**2. What is the deadline for applications?**

The deadline is Friday, January 29, 2010 at 5:00pm. This deadline applies to all parts of the application.

**3. Is there a GPA requirement?**

Yes, a cumulative and semester GPA of 2.5 is required for all RAs.

**4. What happens if I have a judicial record with the Dean of Student's office?**

If you have an active judicial sanction or are on probation you will not be allowed to apply for an RA position.

**5. What is the RA Class and do I have to take it?**

First year RAs are required to take and successfully complete COE 4513, a class designed to teach fundamental concepts and philosophy underlining the RA role. This course is a supplement to the training received before fall classes begin.

**6. I've heard that RAs have to be back to school early, when will I need to return from summer break?**

RAs go through extensive training in the weeks prior to halls opening in August. Generally we ask RAs to return around the end of July, beginning of August.

**7. If I applied to be an RA before, do I need to apply again?**

If you applied for the Fall 2009 Selection Process, you do need to apply again. If you applied for any Selection Process prior to Spring 2010, you need to submit an application again, as well.

**8. Can I have a roommate as an RA?**

No. There is a lot of confidentiality associated with this position. You will be using your room to meet with residents and talk about issues, as well as completing paperwork associated incidents. RAs working in Aiken Village have exceptions for family members.

**9. What is the compensation for being an RA?**

RAs are granted the cost of the room in the residence hall in which they work. In addition, RAs are paid a stipend bi-monthly for 9 months of employment and receive a meal plan from Aramark.

**10. Who can I talk with if I have questions?**

You can always contact the RA Selection Committee contact, Jackie C. Mullen, by emailing [reslife@saffairs.msstate.edu](mailto:reslife@saffairs.msstate.edu).