Frederick Douglass Living and Learning Community

Application Form

Named in honor of the famed former slave turned abolitionist and freedom fighter, The Frederick Douglass Living and Learning Community at Bloomsburg University provides students from all backgrounds and educational interests an opportunity to learn the multicultural awareness and skills needed to participate in a global and interconnected world. Our mission is to help students become acclimated to the university while learning to dismantle the racial, sexual, religious, and other cultural barriers which often divide our society and to develop positive cross-cultural relationships.

If you are looking for a first year experience that will have lasting impact long after you graduate from Bloomsburg University, then please complete the attached application and return by May 15th.

Name ____________________________________________
   Last          First          Middle

Intended Major ______________________________________
If undecided, indicate potential areas of interest __________________________________________

Home Mailing Address ______________________________________
   Street          Apt #
   City          State          Zip

Home Phone (_____) ________________________
Cell Phone (_____) ___________________________

BU E-mail ____________________________
Other E-mail _____________________________

COMMITMENTS & UNDERSTANDINGS

I understand that if I am accepted into the Frederick Douglass Living and Learning Community, I will commit myself to:

- Strive for academic excellence by attending all classes and completing all assignments, and attending required study and tutoring sessions;
- Attend monthly meetings and educational programming including workshops, lectures and field trips;
- Reside on one of the designated FD LLC floors of the Columbia Residence Hall;
- Be a positive representative of the Frederick Douglass Institute for Academic Excellence;
- Attend required multi-day orientation for the LLC prior to the start of the fall semester;
- Successfully complete Frederick Douglass Living and Learning Community core courses in my freshman year

__________________________________________
Signature
__________________________________________
Date

Please complete essay questions on next page

"Because we live in a day where the job market extends across the globe, diversity is a reality none of us can avoid. The Frederick Douglass Living and Learning community (LLC) is dedicated to making it’s students more experienced in handling the issues and questions surrounded by ethnicity, religion, and gender that our society tries to stray away from. The discussions and programs hosted by this LLC had a powerful impact on my views about the importance of hanging around with people who are different from myself.” ~Brian Marshall, FDI LLC (Class of 2012)
Admission to the Frederick Douglass Community is competitive and based on several criteria including commitment to academic excellence, leadership potential, interest in diversity and social justice, and expressed desire to fully participate within the LLC. In a few thoughtful sentences, respond to each of the following questions in the spaces provided. Your answers will help the selection committee get to know you better.

**How would your high school teachers describe your class participation, behavior, and commitment to your academic success?**

**How would you describe your experiences interacting with people from different racial, sexual, or religious backgrounds than your own?**

**What does it mean for you to be a part of a “community?” What strengths would you contribute to the FD LLC?**

**What do you hope to gain from participating in the FD LLC?**

Please return both pages of completed application to the Frederick Douglass Institute for Academic Excellence, B-20 Luzerne Hall, Bloomsburg University, 400 E. Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815 or via email to bjohnson@bloomu.edu.