



Residence Leadership & Engagement Award

-2018-2019 *Information Package*-



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Residence Leadership & Engagement Award Overview

Are you a Residence student who wants to actively engage in the Residence Community?

Do you want to establish yourself as a student leader on campus?

Would you like your contribution to the Residence Community recognized?

Start working toward a Residence Leadership & Engagement Award today!



Rice Floor 10 at Res AfterDark: Coffee House, 2017

Each year, Residence Life strives to create an inclusive, engaged, and diverse residence community through purposeful social and educational programming initiatives. The Residence Leadership & Engagement Awards recognize and reward Residence students who actively help build our community. Students must participate in at least one of each of the 'Basic 8' Ways to Get Involved in Residence in order to be eligible. The more you participate, and the more leadership opportunities you take on, the higher your chances are of receiving an award!

Up to ten \$1000 awards are available for residence students who engage in our Residence programming. All residence students are encouraged to work toward the award and complete an application, however, paid residence student staff are not eligible to apply.

Award recipients will be announced on March 8th, 2018 at the Residence Banquet. Start working on the award early by attending Residence programming on a weekly basis! Check Res Top 5, ask your RA, look for posters, or stop by the Residence Life Office to ask about upcoming programming. We offer a variety of programming throughout each week.

The 'Basic 8' Ways to Get Involved in Residence

1) Residence Committee Engagement

Get involved as a Committee member or attend their events.

2) Life Course

Attend a Life Course for personal or professional development.

3) Res AfterDark

Participate in a Res AfterDark to engage with your community.

4) RA Special Projects

Engage in an RA Special Project, coordinated by your RA Team.

5) Floor Engagement

Floor meetings and floor programming count for Floor Engagement.

6) Residence Green Team

Attend Green Team meetings or participate in events.

7) Upstander OR Bystander Training

Become trained to intervene in situations related to sexual violence.

8) Residence Academic Skills Mentor

Drop by during office hours for one-on-one academic support.

The 'Basic 8' Ways to Get Involved in Residence includes all of our Residence programming initiatives that are open for all students to attend. You must attend at least one of each in order to be eligible for an award. The Basic 8 are outlined above and you can find more information on each of these programs through the following methods:

- Your RA is a great resource for upcoming Residence programming
- Check Res Top 5 for dates and times of upcoming Residence programming
- Stop by the Residence Life Office, LR108

When you attend one of the Basic 8, make sure you sign in so we can verify your attendance:

- 1) If you are participating in a Residence Committee meeting, Green Team meeting, Life Course, Upstander Training, floor meeting/event, or Residence Academic Skills Mentor session, your attendance will be tracked through the specific program's sign in process (always ask if you aren't sure).
- 2) If you are attending a Residence Committee event, Green Team event, RA Special Project, or Res AfterDark, make sure you sign the gold RLEA Sign in Sheet so your attendance is tracked.

It is very important that you track your own engagements and that you make sure to sign in at the programs you attend to make sure all your engagements are counted. You must attend at least one of each of the Basic 8, but the more you engage the higher your chances are of receiving an award!

Application Process

1. Start working toward a Residence Leadership & Engagement Award early by attending Residence programs outlined in the Basic 8. Ensure you sign in or that your attendance is tracked at each program.
2. Download the Residence Leadership & Engagement Award application (available on www.smu.ca starting September, 2018).



Vanier B4 at the Husky Cookout, 2017



3. **Your application will be assessed based on: Your engagement in the Basic 8.** The minimum requirement is participating in at least one event or program for each of the Basic 8. The more you participate and get involved, the higher your chances are of receiving an award!
How you reflect on your engagement in your application. The application will ask you to respond to several questions reflecting on your experiences.
Bonus points can be awarded for creativity in your application. Take some pictures, create a video, or think of another idea to take your application to the next level.
4. **The deadline to submit your application is March 1st by 11:59pm that night. Make sure to ask any questions you have well in advance!**

Do you have a question about the RLEA that was not answered in this document? Email Residence.Programming@smu.ca for assistance!