Sustainable Living Facilities (SLF)
Requirements, Expectations, Pledge and Agreement
2013-2014

Living in SLF entails responsibilities corresponding with the Ramapo College’s mission to prepare its graduates to live a sustainable lifestyle. While SLF is a great opportunity for students to support a sustainable campus, enhance their resume, and grow personally through leadership and service, there are requirements and expectations that each SLF student is responsible for.

Minimum Requirements:
New Students to Sustainable Living Facilities (students in the first year of SLF):
1. Enroll in Sustainable Living Seminar (four credit, full year course)
   a. This class runs between both Fall and Spring semesters.
   b. Service Learning requirements (40 hours minimum)
2. Attend two building meetings per semester with designated Residence Life Community Assistant.
   a. These meetings dates will be communicated to participants in advance and will occur when classes are not in session (evening or weekend).
3. Attend two sustainable programs per semester presented by SLF Community Assistants.
4. Have a 2.5 Cumulative GPA and be in good judicial standing at the College.
5. Requires a one year commitment to the program.
6. Recommended Attendance: Sustainability Enrichment events, SLF community builders that are made within the SLF program, SLF Sustainability Showcase

Returning Students to Sustainable Living Facilities (students in the second year of SLF):
1. Achieve good academic standing in Sustainable Living Seminar course.
2. Enroll in Leadership Skills course focusing on Sustainability (two credit, fall semester)
   a. In the class you will be assigned a group project that would have to promote a sustainability change on campus. The planning stages will take place and presented upon in the class.
3. Facilitate group project and present on group findings at Sustainability Showcase in March 2014.
4. Attend two building meetings per semester with designated Residence Life Community Assistant.
   a. These meetings dates will be communicated to participants in advance and will occur when students are not in class.
5. Attend two sustainable programs presented by SLF Community Assistants per semester.
6. Maintain a 2.5 Cumulative GPA and be in good judicial standing at the College.
7. Requires a one year commitment to the program.
8. Recommended Attendance: Sustainability Enrichment events, SLF community builders that are made within the SLF program
Sustainable Living Facilities Pledge:
As a resident of the SLF, I commit myself to consciously experiment with sustainable approaches to living both to help improve efficiency to lower waste and expenses in the operations of the SLF.

I pledge to minimize my use of materials and energy, to generate the least possible waste and pollution, and to promote the ecological integrity and wellbeing of the natural surroundings of our campus. Specifically, I will do this by minimizing the waste I generate, by using or making available to others for reuse, items I no longer need, and by recycling as much as can be done properly within available College programs. I will seek to buy items made with recyclable and recycled materials; I will avoid and unnecessary energy or water usage, and will actively and fully participate in SLF programs with these objectives.

I will actively seek to learn such life skills as how to gather and grow food, how to use renewable resources of energy, how to conserve materials and energy, how to “buy local” and support our regional economy, how to live with rather than against nature, how to avoid creating contaminated environments, how to understand and nurture the nature around me, and how to make more healthy choices in eating, exercising, consuming, building, and using shelter.

In the actions I undertake, I will consider impacts on other humans and other forms of life, living now and in the future.

I realize that a sustainable way of life takes effort and that my active participation is required. I agree to participate in learning activities and to work to improve my living skills for the betterment of my roommates, my neighbors and myself.

I understand that my participation in sustainable efforts will be monitored and that I am accountable for my actions. I agree to accept feedback and to work to improve my performance so as to comply with the goals of the program.

Residential Expectations:
- SLF Student will be an active member in the Residential community on campus and is encouraged to participate in the Residence Hall Association.

Consequences:
SLF student progress both in and outside of the classroom will be monitored in order to ensure appropriate progress is made in the SLF program, both academically and residentially. Students who do not abide by the requirements and expectations set forth in this agreement and/or is found not supporting sustainable living or intentionally not abiding by the sustainable lifestyle may be subject to removal of the SLF program; this includes being administratively moved to an available on campus vacancy at any time.

If a SLF student withdraws from their required courses or is not following the guidelines set forth in this agreement (academically and residentially) they would need to leave the assigned housing assignment by withdrawing from housing or by being administratively moved to another available on-campus vacancy outside SLF at any time.
Agreement:

I ____________________________ acknowledge that I read, understand and agree the following: Sustainable Living Facilities (SLF) Requirements, Expectations, Pledge and Agreement

Signature: ____________________________

Please indicate what applies to you:

☐ I am a first time SLF student

☐ This is my second year as a SLF student