

## Sample Applications Answers

1. The Louis V. Hencken Chapter of NRHH is based upon the four pillars of leadership, scholarship, service, and recognition. Please explain how your experiences embody each of these pillars.

I am a leader on campus and in the community. I am involved in many organizations on campus including President of Andrews Hall Council. Being a member of Hall Council requires me to demonstrate my leadership skills as I work with members of the Hall Council Executive Board along with the residents of Andrews Hall. As a team we make decisions that affect Andrews Hall. As the president I am required to go to RHA each week. I am involved in RHA along with the community development committee. Another organization I am apart of is the Panther Ambassadors Club. As a member of the Panther Ambassadors Club I give tours to perspective students, have students shadow me to my classes, and help out at open houses. I am also involved in two other organizations on campus they include Best Buddies and Student Council for Exceptional Children. Along with being a leader on campus, I am a leader in the Charleston community. This year I have been helping a local Girl Scout troop. For this Girl Scout troop I attend meetings and activities when the troop needs me and I plan games and icebreakers for the troop meetings. As you can see I am a leader on campus and in the community. Being a leader isn't only being a part of the clubs and organizations around campus, it is about being a part of a team and being able to work together.

NRHH truly supports the idea of being a student leader with emphasis on the student aspect by having scholarship as one of the pillars. Academics are very important to me as I continue to keep my GPA high. I actively participate in all of my classes. I have organized several study groups outside of class that have not only helped me but also my classmates. I enjoy going to class and learning new things and all though at times it can be difficult I always complete my assignments on time and I am not afraid to ask for a little help along the way. I not only value the education I am receiving but also the education of younger children as I tutor at the Newman Center three times a week.

Another NRHH pillar is service. Many people in the community and around campus need volunteers. This year I joined Epsilon Sigma Alpha, which is a service sorority and a Registered Student Organization on campus. I love being involved in a service organization. Last semester I earned the most service hours in the sorority. In this organization we collect money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Easter Seals every semester. Along with being actively involved in service in my sorority, this year I have been a Prowl Leader, I am a tutor at the Newman center, along with participating in activities through the Student Volunteer Center.

The last NRHH pillar is recognition. Many organizations and leaders on campus do not get recognition for everything they do on campus. All the leaders put a lot of effort into their hall, organization, and in their building, but not everyone knows how to recognize the many amazing student leaders on this campus. I recognized my executive board in November for the great job they have been doing for our hall council. I gave all the members movie packages to recognize them for their efforts. Our Hall Council was also recognized from NRHH for our work on Hall Council.

Another way NRHH recognizes the residence halls is by Of The Month's and Of The Year's. I think this is a great way to recognize the residence halls and events. Our hall has written Of The Month's about the programs we put on along with recognizing an outstanding Desk Assistant in our building. Many people do a lot of behind the scene work that other leaders in the building do not see. Of The Month's are a great way to let the rest of the building know what an outstanding job that person has been doing.

2. What other contributions have you made specifically to EIU Housing and Dining?

In addition to being president of Andrews Hall council I am also an active member of the 5<sup>th</sup> floor community of Andrews Hall. I have attended almost every floor meeting and event and I am actively trying to get to know everyone on my floor. I strongly believe that living on campus has positively impacted my college experience here at EIU. I have met so many people while living on campus that I am happy to say are some of my closest friends. I am currently in the process to become a Resident Assistant. As the president of hall council I encourage residents to come out to meeting and events and to become involved in the community in which they live. I plan to continue to live on campus all four of my years here at EIU and serve in various leadership roles.

3. NRHH is composed of the top 1%. What makes someone in the top 1%?

You cannot say someone is on the top 1% by looking at one or even two aspects of their life. The smartest student has the possibility of not being in the top 1%. The student active in the most extra curriculars has the possibility of not being in the top 1%. A person who displays the most service hours has the possibility of not being in the top 1%. A person who knows everyone on campus has the possibility of not being in the top 1%. A person who has the skill to balance aspects of all of the above is in the top 1%. Anyone can excel in one thing but it takes a lot of dedication and organization to be able to succeed in many different tasks. That is what makes someone in the top 1%.