The Cleveland Young International Center (CYIC) is a residence hall program which provides a living and learning environment for its residents focused on understanding and developing intercultural experiences. The program is open to all upper-class Lake Forest College students. The primary goal of CYIC is to create a community in which international and intercultural learning extends beyond the classroom and into daily life.

**Learning Outcomes for Students Living in CYIC:**

- Residents of CYIC will be able to identify current world issues and synthesize how they relate to the Lake Forest College larger community and smaller populations.
- Residents of CYIC will be able to synthesize their academic work with an intercultural living experience through programmatic opportunities and reflection with faculty, staff, and student organizations.
- Residents of CYIC will better understand a variety of cultural identities, including their own.

Specifically, students will be engaged in activities and programs that enhance their understanding of international and intercultural issues. As a purposefully interactive community, all residents are required to work with residence life staff to develop and implement programs and learning experiences. These programs will be required for the residents of the community.

**Programming:** The Cleveland-Young International Center residents engage in purposeful international and cultural programming including faculty dinner discussions, building-specific events, or programs co-sponsored with other student organizations on campus. Residents build their own experience by choosing which programs to attend based on their own interest or helping to plan programs and events for the community. Participation in the programmatic component is required. *CYIC residents are expected to attend two (2) events or programs each semester.*

**Reflection:** Participation in CYIC events and the community overall is the first step in understanding and developing an intercultural lens. Reflecting on experiences, knowledge, and identity will help residents better explore those around them as well as their own place in a global world. At the end of each semester, residents will complete a short reflection essay (2-4 pages) about what they have learned over the course of the semester and how that information has impact them.

**Retreat** – Once each semester residents and staff from the Offices of Residence Life and Intercultural Relations will participate in a retreat. Through the use of interactive activities and cultural exercises, students will be able to share personal experiences and build relationships. The retreat will lay the foundation for a community where open exchange of ideas is encouraged.

**Each applicant must meet and submit the following requirements:**

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher.
- Conduct records consistent with positive community living.
- Signed terms of residency document accepting requirements for living in CYIC.
- Answers to the essay questions outlined by the application.

**General Dates & Information:**

- Housing applications and the CYIC application will open February 17, 2020.
- Both applications are due on or before March 6, 2020. CYIC Applications can be submitted in person to the Office of Residence Life in Rosemary or via email to reslife@mx.lakeforest.edu.
- Applicants will receive an email by March 18, 2020 notifying them of their resident status and information on CYIC-specific room selection.

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CLEVELAND-YOUNG INTERNATIONAL CENTER
APPLICATION INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION (PRINT OR TYPE)                      TODAY’S DATE:__________

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)                                  LFC ID NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

CURRENT RESIDENCE (BLDG. & ROOM NUMBER) OR COMMUTER          CURRENT CUMULATIVE GPA

ARE YOU PLANNING ON STUDYING ABROAD in 2019-2020? □ YES □ NO

IF “YES”, WHICH SEMESTER/PROGRAM:__________________________

ESSAY QUESTIONS

In a separate document, please answer the following essay questions. Please limit your response to two pages, typed. Be sure to include your name and ID number at the top of each page.

1. Why do you want to live in Cleveland-Young International Center? What do you hope to gain from this experience?

2. In the past, what role have you played in your community? What are ways that you can contribute to the Cleveland-Young community? (This can be on or off campus, in an academic setting, with your campus organizations, or other experiences that you feel are applicable.)

3. Please describe any experiences, talents, trainings, or special interests you believe would enhance the community of Cleveland-Young International Center.

Cleveland-Young International Center
Residency Agreement

I understand that Cleveland-Young International Center is a living and learning experience that is focused on understanding and developing intercultural experiences. I understand that this community has been designed to help residents grow in their own identities and learn about the identities of others. I understand the listed requirements for living in this community, including GPA, conduct history, programming, reflection, and semester retreats.

I agree that all the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name __________________________________________________________________________ Date __________________________________________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________________________________________