



**GATOR WESLEY  
UPPER ROOM STAFF  
APPLICATION  
2009-2010**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Upper Room Staff is an intensive, residential-based discipleship program for up to 10 undergraduate students. Upper Roomers will live in the Gator Wesley Foundation facility committing themselves to a covenant Christian community.

- The Upper Room Staff Covenant will include an intentional program for spiritual growth, standards for character and conduct, and responsibilities of living together in community.
- Upper Room Staff will be responsible for hospitality in the new building, including 8-10 hrs a week "on-duty" in the college room. Additionally, each Upper Roomer will serve in some capacity on the Wesley Leadership Team.
- Upper Room Staff must be available for a formation retreat August 17-21, 2009.

Please complete this application and return it to the Wesley Foundation office by **April 3, 2009**. Please submit a Wesley Leadership Team Application at the same time. You will be asked to schedule an interview with the Pastor/Director when you submit your application.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Parent(s)' Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Parent(s)' Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in college: \_\_\_\_\_ School (check one): UF: \_\_\_\_\_ SFCC: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**UPPER ROOM STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES (please initial each item acknowledging that you have read and understand):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Upper Room Staff is a full academic year commitment. I recognize this commitment precludes opportunities for study abroad or internships that require my absence from Gainesville for extended periods of time.

\_\_\_\_\_ Upper Room Staff is intensive and takes priority over other activities including outside employment. I acknowledge that I may need to sacrifice these other opportunities in order to be faithful to my Upper Room Staff commitments.

\_\_\_\_\_ Upper Room Staff will form a covenant together to organize the residential community life. This covenant will include common commitments to prayer, worship, Bible study, service, and Christian conduct, as well as, practical matters related to cleaning the Upper Room area, meals, laundry, etc. I commit myself to the process of forming this covenant and holding myself and other Upper Roomers accountable to our common standards of living. I recognize that failure to abide by this covenant may result in dismissal from Upper Room Staff.

\_\_\_\_\_ Upper Room Staff are responsible for hospitality in the new building. I acknowledge that I will be "on-duty" in the college room for up to 8 hours a week (including 'opening' and 'closing' duties in the morning and at night). Additionally, I will be serving as a "greeter" for programs and ministries including Sunday morning worship. I understand that these duties are in addition to my required service in a ministry area on the Wesley Leadership Team.

\_\_\_\_\_ Upper Room Staff are accountable to the Campus Minister. I recognize his authority to guide and direct our residential program and understand that I may be asked to serve in ways not explicitly stated in this application.

EXPERIENCE AND FAITH JOURNEY

Have you been an active participant with the Gator Wesley Foundation in the last year? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Please list all activities in which you have been involved:

**Please type or write legibly your answers to the remaining questions, and attach them to this application.** Please do not struggle to give the “right answer” or the “answer they want to hear.” **Honesty, authenticity, and openness** are more important in your answers than eloquence or “theological correctness.” You may write as much as you desire, but a **paragraph per question** will suffice for the purposes of this application. You may skip any part of a question that you do not understand or for which you do not have an answer.

1. Describe your religious background. Include a description of any previous involvement in church, any significant spiritual experiences, and how you found your way to the Gator Wesley Foundation.
2. As a Christian community, we affirm and proclaim *Jesus Christ is Lord*. What does *Jesus Christ is Lord* mean to you? How have you experienced Jesus as Lord of your life?
3. Describe how you have changed or grown in your Christian faith over the past year. Where have you seen God at work in your life? What new understandings have you found? In what areas of faith do you feel you have matured? Are there any new questions with which you are now wrestling?
4. Describe the process by which you decided to apply for Upper Room Staff. When did the possibility first enter your mind? What has drawn you to want to serve on staff? What hesitations did you (or do you) have about applying?
5. Describe how you hope to grow personally (spiritually, emotionally, etc) through serving on Upper Room Staff? What areas of weakness do you want to strengthen? What do you want to learn? How do you want to be challenged?

My signature below affirms that I have carefully read, and prayerfully completed the Upper Room Staff Application. I recognize that this form represents my commitment to the Upper Room Staff for the 2009-2010 academic year.

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Signature

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Date