

Neighborhood Ambassador
Off-Campus Housing
Office for Residential Life and Housing Services

The Neighborhood Ambassador Program was created in an effort to assist UR students with their transition to off campus living. This Program assigns experienced off campus students to selected streets in the neighborhoods where UR students choose to live. Neighborhood Ambassadors provide a point of contact for the student residents on their assigned streets, provide access to community resources, and build community in order to ease the transition to off campus living. This program is intended to increase the overall achievement and satisfaction of students living in the neighborhoods adjacent to the University, provide a leadership opportunity for returning off campus students, and assist in building better relations with long-term neighborhood residents.

Participating Areas:

- *19th Ward Area* – Genesee Street, Genesee Park Blvd up to Brooks Landing Area
- *South Wedge Area* – Ford Street, Mount Hope Avenue, Averill Avenue, Gregory Street, Hickory Street up to South Avenue
- *PLEX Area* – S. Plymouth Ave, Barton Street
- *Strong Area* - College Town, White Coat Village Area, Mount Hope Avenue up to E. Henrietta Road
- *City Center* -Innovation Square, downtown

Requirements:

- Junior, senior or graduate standing by Fall 2025 if applying for next year, graduate students may apply
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50
- No current academic or non-academic sanctions
- Residence in one of the participating areas during the 2025 -2026 academic year
- Willingness to commit to participation (including mandatory trainings) for the entire 2025-2026 academic year
- Attendance required at Fall and Spring Trainings

Preferred Qualifications:

- Organization, communication, leadership, problem solving skills

Compensation:

- \$1,500 stipend per academic year; \$750 stipend per semester

Responsibilities (averaging 5-6 hours per week):

- Be a leader in the off-campus community by remaining visible and representing UR positively
- Lead and participate in Educational Workshops for Off-Campus Students and Neighborhood Association presentations.
- Function as an advocate and serve as a resource for students regarding off-campus housing issues, including mediation, and encourage students to use campus and community resources
- Be familiar with University resources and refer students appropriately
- Contribute to a communication system for off-campus students which includes periodically disseminating information door-to-door and electronically
- Communicate with neighbors and promote positive student/neighbor relations
- Attend periodic neighborhood association, Landlord Council meetings and any other meeting that requires off campus student representation
- Create and run community events
- Plan and participate in group or individual service projects
- Attend mandatory trainings, general staff meetings, team meetings, and one-on-one meetings with the Assistant Director of Graduate, Family, and Off-Campus Housing.

Any questions may be directed to the Assistant Director for Graduate, Family, and Off-Campus Housing at rebecca.orton@rochester.edu.