Resident Assistant Application Essay Questions

2025-2026 Academic Year Application

1. Tell us about an area of your life that you feel you have grown in since starting school at Marquette. What contributed to that growth and how do you think it would serve you in the RA position. *(Recommended response of 1-2 paragraphs)*
2. Since coming to Marquette, how have you grown in your understanding of diversity? What is one area of identity that you would like to learn more about and what are the active steps you are taking to learn more about this identity?
3. Using the case study scenario provided below, answer the following questions.

**Your role:**

* You are a new RA on the 6th floor of the Commons. It is a heavily diverse floor with several different nationalities, genders and sexual orientations.

**Case Study Background:**

One of your residents on your floor is having a rough time transitioning to college life. Your resident’s name is Taya. You met them during an early drop-off along with her dad and sister and she seemed really excited about moving in and having the college experience. Your initial impression of her is that she has an outgoing and bubbly personality. A few days later she attended orientation with some of her floormates & roommates and seemed to be eager for classes to start. You invited her to the first community night, and she expressed interest. When the night of the event rolled around Taya did not end up attending. You tried to meet with Taya, but she did not show up to the arranged meeting time. You encounter Taya a few days later and she mentioned that she’s not feeling like she belongs on the floor or at Marquette in general. Several other residents have reached out to you expressing similar concerns about the relationships on the floor and a lack of interconnectedness.

**Writing Prompt (In no more than 2 paragraphs):**

Please explain your plan to address this situation with Taya and the floor at large. In your response, please apply ways in which you can foster trust to help your residents and practical strategies for building an inclusive community.