Who are the Community Advocates?
The Community Advocates are rising sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate student leaders who have the shared goal to prepare Rensselaer students for global citizenship by promoting an understanding and appreciation for diversity and inclusivity.

They accomplish this by:
- Providing information and promoting healthy discussion about the issues of understanding and accepting diversity
- Exploring some of the myths and misperceptions that we hold that may have shaped our thoughts and attitudes about persons different than ourselves
- Opening our personal/professional doorways to learning more about our diverse culture
- Creating an environment that is safe and encourages openness, honesty and that values the individual

Requirements for the position:
Currently enrolled and matriculated students who will be enrolled at Rensselaer may file an application for a Community Advocate position for Fall 2008 & Spring 2009. Candidates must be in good academic and judicial standing.

Position Terms:
- Attend all bi-monthly Community Advocate meetings
- Attend all monthly events sponsored by the Community Advocates
- Work with fellow Community Advocates to plan and execute campus events
- Participate in discussion
- Welcome ALL students to events
- Respond to needs and concerns as they arise

Application Information:
Please answer all demographic and essay questions completely. Please attach typewritten responses to the application upon submission. You may also email Community-Advocates-L@lists.rpi.edu to receive an electronic version of this application. Completed applications should be returned to the Dean of Students Office no later than 4:00pm on Friday, April 4, 2008.

An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, from 4-5 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 2, from 12 noon-1 p.m. in the Academy Hall 4th Floor Conference Room. You may also email questions to Community-Advocates-L@lists.rpi.edu or call DOSO at 276-6266.
The Community Advocate selection process will consist of a thorough committee review of materials (application and recommendations) presented by each applicant as well as an interview. All applicants will be notified of their final status by letter, which may be picked up in the Dean of Students Office, 4200 Academy Hall, beginning Wednesday, April 30 at 9:30 am.

### Important Application Dates:

- **Monday, March 17, 2008** — Applications available electronically and in DOSO, 4200 Academy Hall
- **Wednesday, March 26, from 4-5 p.m. & Wednesday, April 2, from 12 noon-1 p.m.** — Interest Meetings, Academy Hall 4th Floor Conference Room (applicants may attend one or the other meeting)
- **Friday, April 4, 2008, 4 p.m.** — Deadline for submitting application: students will sign up for an interview upon submitting an application
- **Wednesday, April, 2008, 9:30 am.** — Applicant status letter of notification available for pickup in DOSO, 4200 Academy Hall
- **Friday, May 2, 2008** — Applicant deadline to accept position

### Required Meeting & Training Dates:

- **Friday, May 2, 2008, 4 p.m., Academy Hall 4th Floor Conference Room** — mandatory “Get to Know You” meeting
- **Monday - Wednesday, August 18-20,** for Mandatory Training & NRB activities. Specific dates & times to be announced for all three days.
- **Community Advocates will also be expected to attend the Welcome Festival (8/22 -5-7 p.m.) and the Activity Fair (8/28 – 6-9 p.m.)**
2008-2009 Application

Ms./Mr.______________________________________________________

Last    First    Initial

Institute/Local Address: __________________________________________

Institute/Local Phone: ____________________Email address: _____________

Permanent Address:  ____________________________________________

Permanent Phone: ______________________________________________

School/Major Program:  ____________     Expected Graduation Date:  ____________

Entered Rensselaer as a:  Freshman_____    Transfer_____    Graduate Student_____

Do you have any active judicial sanctions? Yes_______ No_________

Is your overall GPA a 2.25 or higher?  Yes_______ No_________

Identify 2 Rensselaer professional staff or faculty members whom you have worked with or have been supervised by that we may contact as a reference. Freshmen may list the name of two references from their senior year in high school who could speak to their character.

Name and title: ________________________________________________

Phone: ______________ How long have they known you: ________________

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Please list any campus jobs, affiliations, organizations, officer positions, sports, special committees/programs, etc. in which you are involved on campus at RPI. Freshman should list activities from their senior year in high school, and at RPI.

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Essay Questions:

1. Why is understanding and accepting diversity so important in our world, and how have you benefited from diversity?

2. What is your vision for Rensselaer as a unified and pluralistic campus? Please describe at least one specific program idea that develops/discusses your vision.

3. In regards to diversity, what are some of the issues that students face here at Rensselaer? Please list specific ways that you could address these issues as a Community Advocate.

4. What unique qualities do you have to offer as a Community Advocate? What do you think would be the most enjoyable aspects of the position?

5. Please rate yourself in the following areas:

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Please briefly explain any 5’s you circled.

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If you are not selected as a Community Advocate, would you still be interested in sharing your program ideas and/or getting involved in another way?
Yes _____ No _____

Please return the completed application to
The Dean of Students Office, 4200 Academy Hall,
NO LATER THAN
4 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2008