Dukes and Duchesses was established in 1979 as an organization of volunteers dedicated to serving the Office of the University President and Duke University at large. Members of Dukes and Duchesses provide direct student contact to distinguished visitors, Trustees, and guests of President Price. Responsibilities include helping to staff events from the Office of Special Events & University Ceremonies, including (but not limited to) the President’s Box during home football games, working at the Board of Trustees dinners, and staffing various ceremonies. Additionally, Dukes and Duchesses help to lead campus tours for special guests to campus.

Dukes and Duchesses is a tight-knit organization that allows members to become intimately involved with the University and its administration. Participation in D&D facilitates substantial personal and professional growth, as well as provides the opportunity to serve Duke University. We invite first- and second-year undergraduates to apply. The recruitment process comprises three rounds. The first round includes this application as well as a written examination on Duke, its history, and current events. The second round includes an interview with current D&D seniors, and the final round consists of a second interview with University officials and members of the D&D executive board.

The process can seem extensive at times, but all current members of D&D are committed to recruiting those new students who will best represent the organization, President Price, Duke at large, and those who will put in to the group as much as they will get out of it. Below is the schedule for the first round of recruitment, and the application can be found starting on the following page.

Please direct any questions to Tim Skapek at ddrrecruitment2019@gmail.com.

Info Session w/President Price - Wednesday, January 30th in White Lecture Hall 107 at 6:30 PM
Application Deadline - Sunday, February 17th by 11:59 PM
Duke History Exam* - Tuesday, February 19th in White Lecture Hall 107 at 7:30 PM

*If you have a legitimate conflict with the time and date of the history exam, please reach out to Tim Skapek at the email given above ASAP so that a make-up testing time and date may be scheduled.
2019 Dukes & Duchesses Written Application

1. Submit as a PDF and title your application: “LAST_FIRST.pdf”
2. Submit by email to ddrecruitment2019@gmail.com with subject line: “LAST_FIRST D&D Application”
3. Submit by 11:59 PM on Sunday, February 17th
4. Take the Duke History Exam on Tuesday, February 19th

NAME:
HOMETOWN:
GRADUATION YEAR:
INTENDED MAJOR/MINOR/CERTIFICATE:
APPROXIMATE GPA:
EMAIL ADDRESS:
WILL YOU BE AVAILABLE SUNDAYS AT 7:30PM?

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Essay Questions

1. List your extracurricular activities at Duke and those you intend to be involved in next semester. For each, provide a one-sentence description about your role in the organization/involvement and an estimate of your weekly time commitment.

2. Which of these activities is the most important to you? Why? (250 words or fewer)

3. Why did you choose Duke as your undergraduate institution? (250 words or fewer)

4. What do you believe to be Duke’s greatest strength? Its greatest weakness? (250 words or fewer)

5. Why are you interested in joining Dukes and Duchesses? How would you define a member of this organization? How do you fit this description? (500 words or fewer)