

# Gender Identity Admissions and Matriculation Policy: EA 100.2

## **Purpose**

Morehouse College is the only private historically black liberal arts college for men in the United States. The mission of Morehouse is to develop men with disciplined minds to lead lives of leadership and service. This policy is intended to support every individual's right to self-identification and ensure the continued pursuit of the College's distinctive mission.

# **Applicability**

This policy applies to all students who enroll in Morehouse after the Fall 2020 semester. All students who are enrolled before the Fall 2020 semester are not subject to this policy.

#### Source

The College Policy.

# **Policy**

Morehouse will consider for undergraduate admission those applicants who live and self-identify as men, regardless of the sex assigned to them at birth. Morehouse will not consider for admission women or those assigned male at birth who identify as women. Within the parameters of this policy to consider men for admission, Morehouse does not discriminate on the basis of gender identity and expression in its admission policy, scholarship and loan programs, educational program, co-curricular activities, and residential facilities.

Morehouse will continue to use masculine pronouns, the language of brotherhood, and other gendered language that reflects its mission as an institution designed to develop men with disciplined minds who will lead lives of leadership and service.

This policy affects students who transition while enrolled at Morehouse. Once admitted, students are expected to continue to self-identify as men throughout their matriculation at Morehouse. If a student transitions from a man to a woman, that student will no longer be eligible to matriculate at Morehouse.

Exemptions from this rule may be granted by a three-person committee appointed by the President after a written appeal is submitted by the student. In the event that



the impacted student disagrees with the decision of the committee, the student may make a final appeal to the President of Morehouse.

The appeal must address why the student desires continuation at Morehouse, a school explicitly designed for men, and any hardship to be incurred by forced withdrawal.

In the event that a student decides that, as a men's college, Morehouse no longer offers the appropriate educational environment for the student, or if an enrolled student begins to self-identify as a woman, the College will offer guidance and resources to assist in making choices that are best for that student.

### **Definitions**

**Transgender** - describes those individuals whose gender identity is different from the sex they were assigned at birth.

**Transgender man** - someone who identifies as a man but was assigned the sex of female at birth.

**Transgender woman** - someone who identifies as a woman but was assigned the sex of male at birth.

**Transsexual** – describes those individuals who are physiologically different than the sex assigned to them at birth.

## **Procedure**

- All applicants for acceptance to Morehouse must meet the requirements for admission.
- Where there is a conflict between the student's self-identified gender and the sex that appears on documentation such as an academic transcript or documents provided as part of the financial aid process, the student is strongly encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions for a discussion around the desire to attend a single gender men's college and how they self-identify in terms of gender.
- Once admitted, the student is expected to continue to self-identify as a man throughout his matriculation at Morehouse.
- If, during a student's time at Morehouse, the student decides that, as a men's college, it no longer offers the appropriate educational environment for the student, or if the student self-identifies as a woman, the College will offer guidance and resources to assist in making choices that are best for that student.





All admitted students shall be subject to the same institutional policies.