

## THE CLINTON ABC BED & BREAKFAST PROGRAM

What is A BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM?

The *ABC Program* is a national program with headquarters in New York City, through which motivated young men and women from educationally deprived settings are chosen to attend private and public secondary schools to prepare them for selective colleges. In Clinton, during the school year, eight male students live together in a house on the Hamilton College campus, supervised by resident directors who provide parental-type support to the students.

The purpose of this program is to prepare students academically for college. Resident and drop-in tutors from Hamilton College assist the students with their assignments on school nights. Research, writing, and computer skills tutoring is provided along with regular homework help, so that the students have the opportunity to acquire disciplined study habits. Students also benefit from interactions with their two host families whom they visit on alternate Sundays.

Since its inception, the Clinton *A Better Chance Program* has graduated **more than ninety** young men from Clinton High School. They have continued their education at colleges such as Clarkson University, Cornell University, Columbia, Fordham, Gettysburg, Hamilton, Ithaca, Macalester, MIT, Princeton, University of Rochester, and Union.

Clinton residents embrace the students as friends and valued members of the community. Virtually all the money needed to operate this program comes from these residents through personal donations, and fundraisers such as a golf tournament, poinsettia and luminary sales, and the twice yearly Bed and Breakfast program. In the process, all of our lives have been enriched.

*A Better Chance of Clinton* offers families an alternative to staying in an area hotel during Commencement and Family weekends. Also known as the *ABC Program*, this volunteer-run organization raises money by providing accommodations with families in Clinton and the surrounding community.

**Reservations:** A variety of room combinations is available, but space is limited and a two-night minimum is required. Please make your reservations **as soon as possible** by returning the reservation form on the next page along with your \$100 deposit.

Reservations will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis.

A waiting list for cancellations will be maintained.

**Price: \$150.00** per night, per room (single or double occupancy), with **a 2-night, \$300.00 minimum** for Commencement Weekend. Breakfast is included. Accommodations may or may not have a private bath.

**Deposit Payment: \$100.**

Deposit is required with your application. The balance is due no later than **April 24, 2016**.

**Payment is non-refundable** unless we are able to fill your reserved room from the waiting list.

**Questions?** Please contact **Marilee Ensign** at (315) 557-6687 or [abchouse@hamilton.edu](mailto:abchouse@hamilton.edu)

***Please fill out the separate form and return with your \$100 deposit to:  
Clinton ABC Program, Marilee Ensign, P.O. Box 139, Clinton, NY 13323***

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**Hamilton College Commencement Weekend ♦ May 19 - 21, 2017**

**(Two-night minimum)**

**Arrival Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Room #1**

**Room #2**

**Name(s) of guests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Twin(s)** \_\_\_\_ **Double** \_\_\_\_ **Either** \_\_\_\_ **Twin(s)** \_\_\_\_ **Double** \_\_\_\_ **Either** \_\_\_\_

**Pet Allergies?** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ **If Yes, please indicate type:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of person making reservation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Hamilton Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

*A \$100.00 deposit is due at the time of reservation. Please make checks payable to:  
Clinton ABC Program*

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