

# Shawnee State University

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

Shawnee State University (SSU) has an obligation to ensure that housing policies and programs exist that will maximize the educational potential of the residential life of the University.

## 2.0 RESIDENCE LIFE AS AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

2.1 In addition to the other forms of education it practices, Shawnee State University endorses and supports the particular value of higher education as provided by a residential campus community. Residential settings offer students unparalleled opportunities to gain from social interactions and other life experiences that characterize on-campus housing and dining.

2.2 When residential living is part of an organized program, the educational and personal gains from simple access and participation can be substantial. For these reasons, SSU develops and maintains programs that ensure the residential experience contributes in significant ways to the total education of students.

## 3.0 UNIVERSITY HOUSING REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

3.1 As a condition of admission and continued enrollment, all freshman and sophomore students in their first and second years of attendance and who have completed less than sixty (60) hours of college credit beyond high school who live more than twenty-five (25) miles from campus are required to live in University housing, to the extent that space is available, and to take their meals in dining facilities as provided in meal plans approved by the University. Under this policy a freshman is defined as a student who has not earned college credit beyond high school graduation and a sophomore is a student who has earned less than sixty (60) hours of college credit beyond high school graduation. For the purposes of the preceding sentence only, credit earned through Ohio College Credit Plus or a similar program, or credits earned through high school Advanced Placement or International

Baccalaureate courses shall not fall within the definition of “college credit”. This section shall apply to students enrolling at the university for the first time after summer of 2021.

- 3.2 All varsity student athletes and/or international students receiving any institutional scholarship assistance are required to live in University housing, to the extent that space is available, and to take their meals in dining facilities as provided in meal plans approved by the University. This section shall apply to student athletes and international students enrolling at the university for the first time after summer of 2021. Commuter varsity student athletes who live with a parent or guardian at the residence of a permanent address defined in their admissions application are exempt from the requirement of this section if that permanent residence address is within 25 miles of campus.
- 3.3 Exceptions to the on-campus housing requirements in sections 3.1 and 3.2 include the following: married students, single parents with full or shared custody of children, veterans, students over the age of 23, transfer students with more than sixty (60) transferred credits earned beyond high school graduation, students living with one or both of their parents, and other extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Vice President for Advancement and Enrollment Management or designee.
- 3.4 Individuals Prohibited from Student Housing
- 3.4.1 Individuals are prohibited from living in and/or visiting University-owned or managed residential facilities if they:
- a) have been convicted of any felony of violence, and/or
  - b) are a convicted sex offender, and/or
  - c) have been convicted of a felony or were found responsible for an offense as a juvenile which would be a felony if committed by an adult, and have not completed their associated sentence, probation, and/or parole, whichever applicable.
- 3.4.2 The University may exclude other individuals from University housing based upon health, safety and/or conduct reasons in accordance with procedures and/or guidelines approved by the President.

#### 4.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR STUDENT RESIDENTS

As a condition to living in student housing, students will be required to agree to

requirements established by the University, which may be in the form of a housing contract. Failure to fully and accurately complete the contract may be a reason to exclude a student from University housing. The housing contract form shall be approved by the Vice President for Finance and Administration.

5.0 The Board of Trustees will retain authority for establishing rates for residential housing and meal plans.

## 6.0 GUIDELINES

The University will have guidelines for student housing and residence life that may be produced in electronic form. Such guidelines will be approved by the President.

[Ref: Guide to University Housing & Residence Life](#)

### History

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