

# Shawnee State University

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## 1.0 Purpose

Shawnee State University (SSU) has an obligation to insure that housing policies and programs exist which will maximize the educational potential of the residential life of the University. In addition, SSU is obligated to meet financial commitment to lenders for the construction of housing units and to establish guidelines to assure the facilities are utilized to meet these obligations.

## 2.0 Residence Life as an Educational Experience

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.

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 which assure that the residential experience contributes in significant ways to the total education of students.

## 3.0 Requirements for Living in University Housing

Shawnee State University shall determine which classifications of students will contribute to, and benefit from, living in housing units and dining in University facilities. Such determinations shall be specified in the University's published requirements for admission and enrollment. The President or the President's designee(s) may authorize adjustments, including refunds and reductions, to the rates for housing and dining.

As a condition of admission and continued enrollment, all freshmen students in their first year of attendance 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. Exceptions to this policy include married students, single parents, veterans, and students over the age of 23, transfer students, students living with their parents, and other extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Housing and dining contracts will be drawn for an academic year, or a remainder of a year.

Housing and dining rates are established by the Board of Trustees.

The President or the President's designee(s) may authorize adjustments, including refunds and reductions, to the rates for housing and dining in cases where those services or accommodations fail to meet the standards of the University.

## 4.0 Residence Hall Handbook.

Shawnee State University shall publish a Resident's Guide, revised when warranted, and approved by the President, which implements the University Housing Policy. The Resident's Guide will be distributed upon move in and made a condition of the contract.