

Residential Living

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Benefits of Living on Campus

Students living on campus have an average GPA 6% higher.

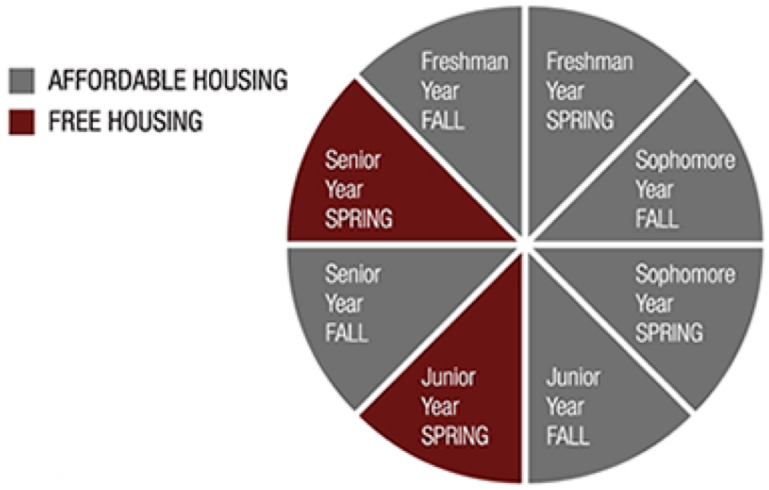
Residential Students:

- **80% report being satisfied with hall staff's efforts to get to know them as an individual**
- **79% report being satisfied with hall staff's ability to help with problems**
- **72% report being satisfied with their ability to study in their residence hall room**
- **73% report being satisfied with study facilities in the residence halls**

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Live with us for five semesters, and we'll give you the sixth for free. Stay seven, and your eighth is on us too.



Housing Pricing Incentive

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WTAMU's Housing Policy

Consistent with WTAMU's commitment to student success, the University requires all students to live on campus if they:

- Are enrolled in twelve or more semester credit hours,
and
- Are under the age of 21,
or
- Have completed less than 60 *post-high school* credit hours*

**college credit hours earned while attending high school (dual credit courses, advanced placement, CLEP, etc.) are not considered.*

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Residential Living
UNIVERSITY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT
EXEMPTION REQUEST

For Office Use Only:	Approved _____	Denied _____	
	Date _____	Initials _____	Code _____
Comments _____			

NOTE: Students should not sign contracts for off-campus housing until they receive formal approval for an exemption. WTAMU's Housing Agreement is valid for one full academic year; a student who is currently under a housing agreement, and submits this form after the day of move-in of the **Fall** semester, will be denied an exemption.

Exceptions to the housing requirement will be made for students who provide the indicated documentation along with this form and are found eligible. In order to be considered for this exemption, the student must complete and submit the required documentation to the Office of Residential Living **no later than August 1st**. If the student is admitted to the University after this deadline, exemption requests will be accepted **up to the first class day**. After these deadlines, **no** exemptions will be approved. **Incomplete requests that do not have all of the required documentation and/or information will not be reviewed.** For more details on the housing and meal plan requirements, visit our website: wtamu.edu/housing-requirement.

Please Print or Type: Semester / Year that I am applying for: Fall 20 / Spring 20

Student Name: Buff ID:

WT Email*: Cell Phone:

*Response to requests will be made to **WT Student Email Address**.

I acknowledge that submission of this form **DOES NOT** guarantee approval of my request. I understand that this is a sworn statement to the State of Texas and affirm that all the information herein and attached is correct and factual to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that if this exemption request is not granted or is revoked, **I will be responsible for charges to my University account for a room and/or meals.** Any form of misrepresentation on this form may constitute "Falsification of Records" which is a violation of University rules and is punishable through the University's judicial system.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Check Reason	Exemption Type	Required Documentation To Be Submitted With This Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Age/Hours – Student will reach 21 years of age prior to September 1 <u>or</u> will have accumulated at least 60 post-high school credit hours prior to the first class day <u>or</u> lived on-campus for two academic years at WT or another university.	Proof of age <u>or</u> transcript copies showing completion of 60 post-high school credit hours. Students who have lived on-campus at another university must provide documented proof of such (i.e. letter on official letterhead with dates of residency from previous college, official email from housing office w/ dates).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time Status or Online-Only Classes – Student registers for and maintains less than 12 credit hours per semester <u>or</u> will only be taking online classes.	Copy of the student's class schedule for the semester. Please note: this exemption is only valid for ONE semester. <i>*Includes Study Abroad.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Living with Parents – Student will live with parent/legal guardian at the permanent address of record within a 50-mile driving radius of the University.	1) Copies of a state-issued ID for the parent/legal guardian <u>and</u> student (the addresses listed on the IDs should match); 2) Notarized letter (notary form available through Residential Living) signed by parent/legal guardian and student stating they will be living at home (include address) with the parent/legal guardian whose permanent address is within a 50-mile radius of the University.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Reasons – Student has experienced a significant change in financial resources <u>AND</u> exhausted all of their financial resources. Student GPA and attempted hours will also be taken into consideration. <i>Please note:</i> Loans offered through the FAFSA are a form of financial aid and will be considered when determining exemption eligibility.	1) Student has completed and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the WTAMU Financial Aid Office (please note it can take a few weeks before the University receives the FAFSA information); 2) Letter outlining significant financial change, as well as any documentation that may support this exemption request. <i>Financial savings is <u>not</u> a valid reason for this exemption type.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage/Dependent Child – Student who is currently married <u>or</u> has dependent children under their care.	A copy of the student's marriage certificate or a copy of the dependent child's birth certificate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical – Student has a documented medical disability that drastically affects the student's ability to live on-campus and requires accommodations which the University cannot provide. <i>Please note:</i> WTAMU can provide on-campus housing that meets most medical needs; requests for residing off campus due to allergies/asthma are typically not approved.	The following information should be provided by a physician and attached to this form on official letterhead and be legible, signed, dated, and verifiable: • A medical or clinical diagnosis (within 60 days) of the disability by a licensed professional in the appropriate area of specialization, clearly defining the impact of the disability on the student's housing needs. • Observations or recommendations of housing accommodations that would assist the Office of Residential Living in serving the student. Recommended accommodations must be directly related to the disability. • If applicable, a student with a documented disability must be registered with Student Disability Services.

Please note that exemption processing takes a **minimum** of three (3) weeks, assuming adequate information is submitted.

What if my Student is Commuting?

Complete an exemption request: Due August 1

Age/Hours

Will be 21 by Sep. 1, have 60 **post**-HS credits or have lived on campus for two years

Part-time/Online Classes Only

Living with Parents

Living with my parents at our permanent home address, which is within a 50 mile driving radius of WTAMU (as listed on both parent & student IDs)

Marriage/Dependent Child

Medical

Students who need housing accommodations that medically cannot be provided by WT

Financial Reasons

Not financial savings, but financial hardship

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How to Request an Exemption

Fill out the exemption request at the Residential Living office or find online:

wtamu.edu/housing-requirements

Due August 1st

There is no guarantee of approval

The University's housing policy applies to all new, transfer, relocating and re-enrolling students

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- “I already signed a lease off campus.”
- “My parents bought a house for me to live in.”
- “I have allergies/asthma.”
- “I’m going to live with my relative (*grandparent, aunt/uncle, sibling, etc.*)”
- “It’ll be cheaper for me to live off-campus.”
- “I need more privacy.”
- “I cannot eat in the Dining Hall. I need my own kitchen to cook.”

Common Requests that are Not Approved

Exemption FAQ's

- When will I be notified about my exemption request?
- What do I do if my parents are divorced and our addresses don't match on our driver's licenses?
- Is it possible to have an approved exemption for the fall semester and move on campus for the spring semester?
- If I have an approved exemption for my first year, do I have to complete another exemption for my second year?
- What if I have already earned my Associates Degree?

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Academics

Free tutoring, Math Lab, Writing Lab and more

Medical Services

Most office visits covered through student health fee

Counseling Services

The college experience is different and the transition can be a challenge

Career Services

Student employment, internship info, summer jobs, and preparation for that first job after college

Campus Resources

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How will my student meet other Buffs and get involved?

Intramurals and Club Sports – Options available at the Activity Center

Band/Choir/Theater – All majors are welcomed

On-campus Employment – See Career Services

Classes – Forming study groups

Athletics – Cheering on our Buffs!

EAT – Grab a snack or meal at the Caf, JBK Food Court, or POD

Student Organizations – Groups for all interests

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Questions?

Contact us!

Residential Living

Phone: 806.651.3000

Email: housing@wtamu.edu

Website: www.wtamu.edu/housing

Social Media: @wtresliving

Dining Services

Phone: 806.651.2707

Email: hamilton-aubrey@aramark.com

Social Media: @wtamudining

Website: www.westtxam.campusdish.com

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