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LIVING WITH PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN
Residency Requirement Exemption Request

NOTE: 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 will be living/eating daily in the established legal household of his/her parent or legal guardian (documentation must be provided), which is **within a 50-mile driving radius of the University**. To be considered for this exemption, the student *and* parent/legal guardian must complete and sign this form and submit the required documentation to the Office of Residential Living **no later than August 1**. If 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 lacking all of the required documentation and/or information will not be reviewed.** For more details on the housing and meal plan requirements, visit: wtamu.edu/housing-requirement.

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

Required: Completed Cancellation Form – to be processed **IF** this exemption is approved (form located on back)

Student Name: _____ Buff ID: _____

WT Email*: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

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

Parent Name: _____

Parent Physical Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Required Documentation:

Attach copies of a state-issued ID for the parent /legal guardian **and** student (addresses listed on the IDs must match)

I acknowledge that submission of this form **DOES NOT** guarantee approval of my request. I 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**. I further understand that the University may conduct periodic checks to verify student residences throughout the year. 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 conduct system.

I will be living/eating with my above-listed parent/legal guardian at the provided permanent legal address.

The above-named student will be living/eating with me, their parent/legal guardian, at my listed permanent legal address.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

Date

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

Common Reasons Exemption Requests are NOT Approved

Want to Live with a Non-Parent Relative (*sibling, cousin, aunt, grandparent, etc.*) or Commute from Outside the Approved Commuting Distance – Students may live full-time and commute from home only under two conditions: **1)** they will reside full-time with a parent or legal guardian (someone who has applied for and been granted legal guardianship by the court) **and 2)** that parent/legal guardian lives within a 50-mile driving radius of WTAMU’s main campus. If either of those two conditions are not met, an exemption will not be granted.

Already Signed a Lease – Students who sign leases without having received an “approved” email from the WTAMU Office of Residential Living will still be responsible for fulfilling the on-campus housing requirement. Students who do not will be charged “housing pending” charges, equivalent to the cost of living in an on-campus residence hall, until they submit a housing contract for the academic year. **You are advised to not sign a lease** unless you have received an email from our office indicating that you are exempt from the housing requirement.

Allergies and/or Asthma – Many students come to campus with allergies, asthma, or some other type of chronic health problem. Some students develop allergies after they arrive due to the new environment. Although many students have allergies, it is rarely the basis for an exemption as it does not prevent them from living and academically achieving in the residence halls. In severe cases of allergies and asthma, the University can usually offer some type of accommodations that can help, such as year-round air conditioning, a single room, an air purifier (*purchased by the student*), etc., in addition to whatever medications or strategies are prescribed by their physician. While we do not attempt to ensure that all allergic symptoms are eliminated, we will do what we can to provide accommodations that help alleviate the symptoms in severe cases. Students who need an accommodation due to allergies, asthma, or any type of chronic health problem should contact the Office of Student Disability Services.

Anxiety – The transition into college can be a stressful one, but our residence hall staff is trained to assist our students through such transitions and do so in a supportive environment. It is not uncommon for college students to face some level of anxiety; there are many resources on campus – Student Counseling Services & Medical Services – that are available to assist our students through their college transition. Unless it can be documented that the student’s anxiety is unique and severe enough to warrant an exemption, such requests are typically not approved.

Bad Experience with Roommates or Floor-mates – The staff of Residential Living wants students to have a rich and rewarding residence hall experience. Sometimes, however, roommates are not compatible – even roommates who originally chose to live together. In these cases, we recommend that both roommates work with the hall staff to try to work out their problems or make a room change. An online room change process occurs within a couple of weeks after the start of each semester for any resident who would like to make a room change. Living in an undesirable situation can often be avoided by working with the professional residence hall staff to resolve the issue or make an immediate room change.

Finances – If a student chooses to attend WTAMU, there is an assumption that he/she has the financial resources to pay for it. If a change in your financial situation has occurred since signing the residence hall contract, please work with the Office of Financial Aid to see what aid options may be available. Although having both a lease and a residence hall contract could cause a financial difficulty, it is not grounds for an exemption.

Food/Dining – Campus Dining Services (CDS) offers a wide variety of dining options and types of food, including low-fat and vegetarian options. CDS can almost always accommodate students who are on special diets and have food allergies (including gluten and dairy). Contact CDS at (806) 651-2707 for more information.

Lack of Privacy – Most students are used to having more privacy at home than they have in the residence halls and this can require a major adjustment. If it is extremely disturbing to the student or if the student is an individual with a disability and needs more privacy for medical reasons, the Office of Student Disability Services can determine if a reasonable accommodation is necessary.