

Kentucky Wesleyan College

Policy & Procedure Manual

Housing Policy

Approval: Board of Trustees

Policy Type: College

Policy Owner: Vice President of Student Life

Responsible Office: Student Life Students must be enrolled in the appropriate Kentucky Wesleyan College term to be eligible for on-campus residency. During semester breaks, students must be registered for the upcoming semester and paid in full to be eligible for on-campus residency.

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1. Purpose

- 1.1. Kentucky Wesleyan College provides students with an exceptional college experience. This means the College places great emphasis not only on academic success, but also on student's successful engagement into campus life and opportunities. Residence Life programs are directed toward a great social experience, but are also designed to create academic enhancements as well as opportunities that maximize a student's personal growth during their time at Wesleyan.
- 1.2. Residence Hall programming and living develops various skills that add value to the academic education Wesleyan students receive. This helps separate our students from the rest as they transition from school to careers and their new lives post college. With this in mind, we have set our housing policy to reflect this commitment.

2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to all KWC students with the exception of "online only" students.

3. Policy (Effective March 1, 2016)

- 3.1. All full-time Wesleyan students are required to live on-campus unless they meet our commuter student status which is listed below or one of the following exemptions:

- Students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 after completing 6 full-time (at least 12 hours) college semesters; OR
- Students who will reach the age of 21 prior to September 1 of the academic year with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5; OR
- Students who are classified as independent (as defined by the most recently filed tax return), married, or support a dependent over 50% as determined by the FAFSA; OR
- Students who meet our commuter requirements: living with an immediate family member over 21 years of age, defined as: parents, grandparents, sister, brother, aunt, uncle; or a legal guardian over 21 years of age, who live within 30 miles of campus.

3.2. All full-time Kentucky Wesleyan College students, regardless of age or residency status, who receive the equivalent of 75% tuition in institutional aid: KWC unrestricted, restricted, and endowed scholarships for academic, athletic, talent, and need base (\$17,513 in 2016-17) are required to live on-campus unless they qualify as commuters (defined above).

3.3. It is understood that the housing contract includes both the fall and spring semesters, except for students who graduate in December. Students entering during the spring semester will only be under contract for that semester.

3.4. Application to Live Off-Campus

3.4.1. Requests for exemption to the residential policy must be submitted to the Student Life Office by completing the Application to Live Off-Campus Form with documentation that the student meets one of the criteria defined above. Upon acceptance to live off-campus, a signed notarized letter from your parents or guardian must be submitted verifying your housing status and address. Students who officially terminate their housing contract from the residence hall at any time during the academic year and subsequently continue full-time enrollment will forfeit their housing deposit and be assessed a \$1,000 contract termination fee. The fee will be assessed to the student's bill.

3.5. Violation of Housing Policy

3.5.1. Students are required to verify their housing status each semester by signing a housing affidavit at the required Student Life Update held on the first day of class. If a student is found in violation of the housing policy, they will be charged room and board for each semester the policy has been violated; and be placed on Disciplinary Probation making them ineligible to participate in all Wesleyan co-curricular activities.

3.6. Summer Housing for New Students (Effective August 1, 2008)

3.6.1. Due to liability concerns, prospective students, defined as students not enrolled during the previous spring semester or the current summer semester, shall not be eligible for summer housing. Only new students who are required to report early for preseason conditioning will be allowed to move to campus before the official opening date. All residential students must submit a housing form and their \$100 housing deposit prior to checking in to their residence hall. New summer and fall students who enroll in an on-campus summer course are eligible to live on-campus.

3.7. Students Must Be Enrolled for On-Campus Residency

3.7.1. Students must be enrolled in the appropriate Kentucky Wesleyan College term to be eligible for on-campus residency. During semester breaks, students must be registered for the upcoming semester and paid in full to be eligible for on-campus residency.
