



AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING AND DINING

Terms and Conditions for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

August 19, 2021 – May 6, 2022

1. AGREEMENT

This document and those referred to within it constitute Winona State University's Agreement for Housing and Dining, hereafter referred to as the Agreement. The services described in the Agreement are offered exclusively under the terms and conditions stated.

Providing an electronic signature within the online housing application constitutes acceptance of the terms of the Agreement. For students under the age of 18, please print this document. The student and a parent/guardian must sign the form. It can then be uploaded back into the online housing application.

Your signature on the Agreement for Housing and Dining form indicates that you have read the Agreement, understand it, and agree to all the terms and conditions included in it. No other university department or agency may represent, promise, alter, or cancel this Agreement. **The Agreement becomes legally binding on both parties once the online application is completed. This includes a signed Agreement and receipt of the \$250 pre-payment (of which \$50 is the non-refundable application processing fee).**

2. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to live in a residence hall, you must be formally accepted and enrolled in at least 12 credits per semester at WSU or MSC Southeast. If you lose your status as an enrolled student at any time during the agreement period, or if you fail to register for academic coursework by the end of the second week of class, you will be required to vacate your assigned space within 48 hours of that loss of status unless an exception is approved by the Director of Housing and Residence Life or their designee. If you are required to vacate your assigned space due to non-enrollment or non-payment, you will be assessed a \$50 administrative fee; any associated room and meal plan charges will also be applied.

WSU reserves the right to deny an application or cancel a housing agreement to an individual whose conduct and/or criminal record indicates an actual or perceived threat or danger to the University community, including students, faculty, staff, and guests.

3. AGREEMENT TERMS

This Agreement is binding for one academic year beginning the day the WSU residence halls are advertised to be open for fall semester and ends the day the WSU residence halls close at the end of spring semester. If you arrive early or stay late, you will be subject to additional charges. If you enter into an Agreement after the academic year has commenced, your Agreement is binding from the date you sign your Agreement. You are responsible for the room, meals, and payments until you and your belongings vacate the premises, check out properly, and end the agreement per its conditions (**See Housing and Dining Cancellation Policy**).

The Agreement terms become binding at the time you have submitted it to WSU with your electronic signature.

- **UNIVERSITY'S OBLIGATION** - WSU agrees to provide clean, habitable premises and to keep them in good repair. WSU reserves the right to cancel this Agreement and remove and/or relocate students for any violation of Agreement terms.
- **STUDENT'S OBLIGATION** – The student agrees to:
 - a. pay all specified fees;
 - b. become familiar with and observe all rules and regulations of the WSU Student Conduct Code, the Department of Housing and Residence Life Policies and Procedures, found online at

<https://www.winona.edu/housing/policies.asp> and to abide by Agreement terms;

- c. conduct yourself in a manner which is in the best interest of the health and general welfare of the WSU residence halls, other residents, or yourself;
- d. be responsible for payment of any damages assessed to your room, its furnishings, windows, doors, and other University property. When more than one resident is assigned to a room and individual responsibility cannot be determined, the charges will be divided equally to the assigned residents;
- e. be financially responsible, individually, or collectively, for any damage or required cleaning to common areas of your living community and its furnishings.

You may **not**:

- Sell, trade, give away, or transfer your room or meal plan agreement.
- Remove room furnishings from your assigned room.
- Duplicate the room key.
- Keep pets at any time (with the exception of fish in an aquarium of less than 10 gallons).

4. RIGHT OF ENTRY

- WSU, its officers, employees and agents shall have the right to enter your premises at reasonable times for the purpose of inspection and repair, preservation of health, safety and recovery of University-owned property or to investigate possible violation of university policy.

5. CAMPUS DINING

This Agreement requires a meal plan with a declining balance of Kryzsko Kash. **All students are required to be on a meal plan.**

- If you fail to select a meal plan option when filling out your application, we will assign you to the 14 meals/week plan.
- Meal plans can be **decreased** ONLY within the first 10 class days of fall semester and the first 10 class days of spring semester for 19, 14, and 10 meals per week plans.
- Meal plans may be **increased** at any time for 14, 10 and 7 meals per week plans.
- Kryzsko Kash is non-refundable.
- Specific dates for changing meal plans are available online at <https://www.winona.edu/housing/dining.asp>.
- Students who have special dietary restrictions will be asked to provide documentation from a physician to the dietitian in Dining Services. A meeting with the dietitian will determine if Dining Services is able to meet the student's dietary needs. Results of the meeting will be communicated to the Director of Housing.
- Dining Services reserves the right to adjust meal hours and service locations.
- Dining services is not provided during breaks.

6. RESERVATION ADVANCE PAYMENT

A \$250 payment (\$200 is a pre-payment and \$50 is a non-refundable application processing fee) is required at the time you sign and complete your Housing Application/Agreement. The \$200 pre-payment will be credited on your student account for your first semester.

7. RATES AND PAYMENT

Room rates include utilities, laundry, cable TV and wireless internet access. Room and meal plan rates are determined annually and are subject to change. You agree to pay the rates established. Payment of your room

and meal plan charges may occur any time prior to the beginning of a semester. Payment is due on or before the last payment due date for tuition and fees as established each semester by WSU. Due dates for each semester are available online at <https://www.winona.edu/billing/>.

Individual account information is available online through the student's e-services. Individual bills are not mailed out. Failure of the student to satisfy the financial obligations stipulated under this Agreement will result in denial of further meals (without refund), a hold on registration and official records, and/or eviction from the WSU residence halls within 48 hours of the request. If you are in default of payment, you are liable for all legal and collection costs.

8. CANCELLATION OF AGREEMENT

A. Submitting a Cancellation Request

- Cancellation requests must be made by the student unless they are physically incapacitated. Requests made by anyone other than the student will not be considered valid and could delay processing time.
- Cancellation requests of this Agreement must be submitted online through the student's Housing Portal or via email to housing@winona.edu.

B. Cancellation Prior to the Agreement Start Date for NEW first year and transfer students.

If beginning fall semester:

- Agreement cancellations received on or before August 1 will receive a \$200 refund of their pre-payment.
- Agreement cancellations received after August 1 will forfeit the \$200 pre-payment.

If beginning spring semester:

- Agreement cancellations received on or before January 1 will receive a \$200 refund of their pre-payment.
- Agreement cancellations received after January 1 will forfeit the \$200 pre-payment.

Cancellation Prior to the Agreement Start Date for RETURNING students:

- Agreement cancellations received on or before June 1 will receive a refund of the \$200 pre-payment.
- Agreement cancellations after June 1 will forfeit the \$200 pre-payment

C. Cancellation After the Agreement Start Date for New and Returning Students:

Proper cancellation of this Agreement will be defined as: submitting a cancellation request via the Housing Portal or emailing housing@winona.edu within the guidelines stated below, proper completion of the check-out process, and physical check out of the room.

(Refer to the Housing and Meal Plan Cancellation Policy).

- Students who do not return to the residence halls for spring semester, must move their belongings and properly check-out with any staff member. Failure to do so will result in a charge of \$30 per day over the Winter Break period until your possessions are removed and all check out procedures are properly followed. You will also be held responsible for any fees associated with an improper check-out, including key replacement.
- Students who fail to arrive and are not enrolled in courses will forfeit the \$200 pre-payment and the \$50 application fee is non-refundable.
- Students who physically leave the halls during the semester for any of the following circumstances, are still financially responsible for all portions of this Agreement and will be charged a \$50 fee for breaking their Agreement:
 - a. non-admission, official approved withdrawal or dismissal from the University by academic suspension.
 - b. experience a serious medical problem requiring withdrawal;
 - c. extreme, unanticipated financial hardship arising after the beginning of academic semester;
 - d. marriage.

- Students who move out of the residence halls while remaining a student, will be charged an \$800 agreement cancellation fee.
- WSU may immediately cancel this Agreement and enter and retake possession thereof for the following reasons:
 - a. failure to make payment;
 - b. damage from fire, smoke, water or other causes natural and unnatural;
 - c. noncompliance with the rules and regulations of the residence halls, university policies, local laws, or federal and state laws. If the cancellation of this Agreement is based upon a disciplinary action, the student may be required to vacate immediately, and is subject to all meal plan stipulations. No previously paid charges or deposits shall be refunded to the student in such cases;
 - d. noncompliance with and/or breach of this Agreement;
 - e. loss of student status;
 - f. appropriate appeal procedures are provided upon presentation of the written notice to vacate and can be found in the WSU Housing and Residence Life Policies and Procedures Handbook;
- Students will be charged a daily room rate for each night they remain in the room until they vacate and complete the residence hall check-out procedure.
- If through an appeal process the student is reinstated after a required withdrawal, the student will fulfill the balance of this Agreement as though a removal had not occurred.

REFUNDS: Students who withdraw from the University after the Agreement start date may be subject to a refund of charges:

- Charges are pro-rated from the date you return your key to cover the cost of your occupancy and meals.
- Room is charged on a daily basis.
- Meals are charged on a weekly basis.
- For meal plan purposes, a week begins on Friday and ends on Thursday.
- Kryzsko Kash is not refundable under any circumstances.

9. ROOM ASSIGNMENT/SELECTION

WSU agrees to provide students a space in a residence hall and to provide contracted meals under the following terms and as described in this Agreement. The \$250 pre-payment and a signed Agreement need to be received in order to select (or be assigned) a room.

A. New Student Room Selection

Room selection for new students will be determined by the date the Housing Agreement and \$250 pre-payment is submitted to WSU, whichever date is later. No specific assignment based upon student's preference is guaranteed. Failure to honor such requests is not a breach of this Agreement and will not void the Agreement.

B. New Student Roommate Groups

For a specific roommate, both students must have a signed Agreement and have made the \$250 pre-payment in order to create a roommate group. Roommate groups must be created and verified by May 1st. Students in a roommate group will receive the same time slot for room selection. Time slots for roommate groups are based on the average of the two students signed Agreement dates. The \$250 pre-payment and signed Agreement need to be received by both students in order to select a room.

C. Returning Student Room Selection

Priority room selection for returning students begins early October for students wanting to return the residence halls for the following year. Students can refer to the returning student room selection process outlined on the website.

D. Room Changes

- We reserve the right to change your assignment for reasons of health, safety, need for repair services, vacancy consolidation, disciplinary sanctions, or unresolvable incompatibility of roommates.

WSU will determine if you, your roommate, or both, will be reassigned.

- After the Agreement start date, you may request a room change at any time after the 10th class day of the semester in accordance with our published procedures.
- Unapproved room changes, failure to follow proper room change procedures, or failure to properly complete a room change request will result in a \$50 administrative fee, you will be required to return to your assigned space (if you moved improperly), and may result in the forfeiture of any future room change privileges.

10. LOFTS/BUNK BEDS

A. Loft extension kits may be rented through the Housing and Residence Life Department at a rate of \$50.00 per semester (or \$100.00 per academic year). You agree to return the loft in the condition it was received and to reimburse WSU for repair/replacement cost of loft for all damage in excess of normal wear and tear.

B. The following outlines the required proper use regulations, agreed to when you rent and use a loft/bunk beds:

- Safety bar use is required for all loft/bunk beds.
- Student will assemble and use all the rented items only in accordance with the instructions provided.
- Student will make no alterations, additions, or changes to the bunk bed/loft.
- All extra bed parts must be stored in the student's room.
- Student is responsible for disassembling and returning the loft to the predetermined location.
- If the loft is not returned at the appropriate location and time, an improper return fee will be assessed to the student.
- If the loft is damaged beyond ordinary wear and tear due to student's own negligence, misuse or for any other reason, student will pay to repair such damage.
- The use of the loft/bunk bed will be at the sole risk of the student. The student hereby releases Winona State University from all liability resulting from any use of the loft/bunk bed.
- All charges will be billed to the student's account.
- If the student wishes to return their loft with a refund, the return must take place within the first 10 days of class.

11. MOVING IN AND OUT OF THE RESIDENCE HALLS

You are responsible for complying with check-in and check-out procedures as stated in the WSU Housing & Residence Life Policies and Procedures Handbook as well as related memos sent out by the Housing & Residence Life Office.

- You agree to check in and occupy your assigned room by the tenth-class day or the tenth day of your agreement period —if beginning during the semester— to maintain a claim to your assigned space.
- If you are not registered or checked in by the tenth class day, or tenth day of your agreement period of the semester you will forfeit your room assignment and the \$250 pre-payment as well as incur a \$50.00 administrative fee.
- Acceptance of your room key confirms your status as a resident. You are responsible for completing your room inspection on your Housing Portal within 24 hours of accepting your room key. At check-out, damages found in your room and not indicated on your room inspection will be billed to you and/or your roommate(s).
- Mail and packages will be forwarded for 30 days to the address provided at the time of check out. If an address is not provided, or if the 30 days has passed, all mail will be returned to sender.
- You must vacate your room and the WSU residence halls within 48 hours of withdrawing from the university or loss of student status.
- For fall semester, you must vacate your room and the residence hall within 24 hours of your last final examination or by the published hall closing time, whichever occurs first.
- For spring semester, you must vacate your room and the WSU residence hall within 24 hours of your last final examination.

12. LIABILITY

Winona State University is not responsible for damage or theft of your personal property, including money. We encourage you to carry appropriate renters or personal property insurance. In addition, neither WSU Housing and Residence Life, nor its staff, assumes any liability for accidents/injuries which may occur either in a residence hall or while you are participating in any program/activity conducted on or off campus which may be sponsored all, or in part, by the Department of Housing and Residence Life, Residence Hall Staff and/or WSU.

13. VISITORS

- All visitors must be agreed upon by all occupants of the assigned room/suite. If a roommate(s) objects to the presence of a visitor or their behavior, the visitor must leave the premise. Students are responsible for the behavior and actions of their visitor(s) and their compliance with campus policies. Students who host a visitor in the residence halls will be held financially responsible for any damage caused by their visitor(s). Violation of any visitor policy places the student's Housing Agreement status in jeopardy.
- Student's must register their visitor(s) at their residence hall front desk.
- Visitors, under the age of 18, who are not a WSU student, must provide a signed "Minor Guest Form" upon entering the residence halls.

14. BREAK PERIODS

WSU residence halls are open during the agreement period. The residence halls close for Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks. Students wishing to remain in the halls during the breaks must request to stay and be approved by their Residence Hall Director. Students wishing to remain in the halls during winter break, however, must pay an additional fee. Student must abide by all published policies and procedures for staying during a break period. There is no dining service or shuttle service during break periods.

15. UNAVAILABILITY OF PREMISES

In the event that any residential facility should become partially or totally lost, destroyed or otherwise unavailable because of fire, strikes, acts of God, or other events which render them unfit and unavailable in whole or in part for your purposes, then either you or we will have the right to immediately cancel this Agreement. We will not be financially responsible to you for any damage which results from such a cancellation.

16. CLOSING CLAUSE

This Agreement, the Housing and Meal Plan Cancellation Policy, and the Housing and Residence Life Policies and Procedures Handbook represent the entire agreement between the parties and no oral promises between the University and the resident are binding. Upon signing this Agreement Terms and Conditions, you agree to become aware of and comply with all State, University, Housing and Residence Life rules, policies, regulations, and procedures as published in the Housing and Residence Life Policies and Procedures Handbook and Student Conduct Code available on the WSU website. Once accepted by the Department of Housing and Residence Life, this Agreement is binding until otherwise agreed upon in writing.

Once you and a parent/guardian have physically signed this Agreement, upload it to your application in your Housing Portal on the Agreement page. Typed signatures will not be accepted and could delay processing.

Student Name (Please Print)

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Signature of Student

Date

Parent or Guardian Name (Please Print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date