

WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY

AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING AND DINING

Terms and Conditions for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

August 20, 2026 – May 7, 2027



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.

- a. Providing an electronic signature within the online housing application constitutes acceptance of the terms of the Agreement.
- b. Students under the age of 18 will be able to designate a parent/guardian as a proxy within the Housing Application, to sign on their behalf. Signature (or proxy, if under 18) on the Agreement for Housing and Dining form indicates that the student has read the Agreement, understands it, and agrees to all the terms and conditions included in it.
- c. 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 housing 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).
- d. The term "residence hall" refers to all residential buildings operated by Winona State University (Alumni House, Conway, East Lake Apartments, Kirkland-Haake, Prentiss-Lucas, Morey-Shepard, Richards, Sheehan, and the Sustainability House), except where noted.
- e. The term "room" refers to rooms, suites, and apartments, except where noted.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Any person who is enrolled in at least 1 credit at Winona State University or Minnesota State College Southeast.
- b. To be eligible to live in the East Lake Apartments, Alumni House, or the Sustainability House, student must have a minimum of 24 credits earned by the agreement start date.
 1. Any credits earned prior to high school graduation are not applicable until 1 year after graduation (PSEO, AP, etc.).
- c. If student loses status as an enrolled student, fails to register for academic coursework within the first week of classes, or falls below the 1 credit limit, they will be required to vacate their assigned space within 72 hours of that loss of status, unless an exception is approved by the Director of Housing and Residence Life or their designee. Student will be required to provide documentation that they are actively working toward a resolution.
- d. A student whose conduct and/or criminal record indicates an actual or perceived threat or danger to the University community, including students, faculty, staff, and guests is ineligible.

3. DURATION

- a. This Agreement is binding for the entire academic year beginning the day you check-in or the day the WSU residence halls are advertised to be open for fall semester, whichever comes first. The WSU residence halls close at the end of spring semester -- for the 2026-2027 academic year: August 20, 2026 – May 7, 2027.
- b. If student arrives early or stays late, the request must be approved, and the student will be subject to additional charges of \$50 per day.
- c. If student enters into an Agreement after the academic year has commenced, the Agreement is binding from the date the Agreement is signed.
- d. Student is responsible for the room, meals, and payments until they and all belongings vacate the premises, check out properly, and end the agreement per its conditions.
- e. Break Periods
 1. Thanksgiving and Spring Breaks: Student may remain in the residence hall, with no additional charge. Student must sign up on their Housing Portal to remain in their room during these break periods.
 2. Winter Break: Students must depart by 3pm on December 11 and may return after 11am on January 8.
 - i. Students' belongings can stay in the room, but they will not have access to halls during this timeframe.
 - ii. Students wishing to remain in the halls during Winter Break, must submit a Winter Term application on their Housing Portal.
 - iii. There is a \$150 fee for staying in the residence halls during Winter Term.
 - iv. Students must be enrolled for Spring semester to reside in the halls over Winter Break.
 - v. Students must abide by all published policies and procedures for staying during a break period.
- a. There is no dining service or shuttle service during break periods.

4. UNIVERSITY'S OBLIGATION

- a. WSU agrees to provide clean, habitable premises and to keep them in good repair.
- b. WSU reserves the right to cancel this Agreement and remove and/or relocate students for any violation of Agreement terms.
- c. WSU agrees to hold your room reservation until the first day of classes, unless the student notifies WSU of a late arrival. WSU will release the assigned room after the first day of class if no communication has been received.

5. STUDENT AGREES

- a. To pay all specified fees;
- b. Educate themselves and follow all rules and regulations of the WSU Student Conduct Code, all Housing and Residence Life Policies and Procedures (found online at <https://www.winona.edu/housing/policies.asp>), and to abide by the terms within this Agreement;
- c. Be responsible for payment of any damages assessed to their 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;
- d. Be financially responsible, individually, or collectively, for any damage or required cleaning to common areas of their living community and its furnishings;

- e. To receive notice of housing reservations, changes, housing facility information, emergency notices, and other Residence Life information via email and telephone or text message to the telephone number provided in the housing application;
- f. Not to sell, trade, give away, or transfer their room or meal plan agreement;
- g. To check into their assigned room by the first day of class or inform WSU of a late arrival. If no communication is received by WSU housing of a late arrival, the student will forfeit their housing reservation.

6. RATES AND PAYMENT

- a. 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/>. Student account information is available online through e-services. Student bills are not mailed out.
- b. Failure to satisfy the financial obligations stipulated under this Agreement will result in a hold on registration and official records, and/or eviction from the WSU residence halls.
- c. If there is a default on payment, the student is liable for all legal and collection costs.
- d. Rates for 2026-2027 will be determined by the Minnesota State Board of Trustees in Summer 2026 and published by Housing & Residence Life as soon as they are available.
- e. Room rates include utilities, garbage, recycling, and wireless internet access.
- f. All rates are subject to change at any time due to decisions made by the Department of Housing & Residence Life, the Minnesota State Board of Trustees, or the State Legislature.

7. PRE-PAYMENT

- a. A \$250 payment is required to complete the online Housing Application.
 - 1. The \$200 is a pre-payment that will be applied to the room and meal plan charges for the first semester of occupancy.
 - 2. The \$50 is a non-refundable application processing fee.
- b. If the student applies for housing after the start of the term, a \$200 pre-payment will not be applicable and the \$50 application fee will be applied to their student account.
- c. The \$200 pre-payment is refundable only under the provisions of Section 9 of this Agreement.

8. ROOM ASSIGNMENT

- a. The \$250 pre-payment and a signed Agreement need to be received to be eligible for a room assignment.
 - 1. For new students: In addition, be enrolled in classes or signed up for a registration date
- b. WSU agrees to provide the student a space in a residence hall.
- c. A room change request process is provided each semester. Requests are accommodated based on available space.
- d. WSU reserves the right to reassign a room if deemed necessary by the conduct process, facilities issues, or crisis.

9. AGREEMENT CANCELLATION

- a. This agreement is binding for the entire academic year or the portion remaining at the time student begins occupancy, except as provided in this section and in Section 10.
- b. New Students (students who have never lived in WSU residence halls)
 - 1. The student may cancel the agreement only before the first semester of occupancy. Written notice of the cancellation must be received by the Housing & Residence Life Office according to the following schedule:

- i. If first semester of occupancy is Fall Semester: \$200 pre-payment refunded if cancellation is received by June 1, 2026. No cancellations accepted after August 20, 2026, or after an approved early check-in; whichever comes first. If the student applies for housing after the June 1 cancellation deadline and before the start of the term, they will have 10 calendar days to cancel their agreement to be refunded the \$200 pre-payment.
 - ii. If first semester of occupancy is Spring Semester 2027: \$200 pre-payment refunded if cancellation is received by December 4, 2026. No cancellations accepted after January 8, 2027, or after an approved early check-in; whichever comes first. If the student applies for housing after the December 4 cancellation deadline and before the start of the term, they will have 10 calendar days to cancel their agreement to be refunded the \$200 pre-payment.
- c. Returning students (students who have lived in WSU residence halls and want to return)
 - 1. The student may cancel their agreement by April 1 for a \$200 pre-payment refund.
 - 2. If the student applies for housing after the April 1 cancellation deadline and before the start of the term, they will have 10 calendar days to cancel their agreement to be refunded the \$200 pre-payment.
- d. All cancellations must be made by the student unless they are physically incapacitated. Requests made by anyone other than the student are considered invalid and could delay processing time.
- e. Cancellation requests of this Agreement must be submitted online through the student's Housing Portal or via email to housing@winona.edu.
- f. Notice of cancellation to the Admissions, Financial Aid, Warrior Success Center, or to other University offices does not constitute notice of cancellation of this Agreement to the Housing & Residence Life Office.
- g. Housing & Residence Life reserves the right to cancel this Agreement due to ineligibility, see Section 2.

10. AGREEMENT RELEASE

- a. Student can request release from the Agreement beginning the first day they check in for the semester. Such releases are subject to the approval of the Director of Housing & Residence Life or their designee, and will be considered for the following reasons:
 - 1. If the student has a regular/consistent academic obligation located 40 miles or more away from Winona, MN.
 - 2. If student graduates, withdraws, or is dismissed from the university.
 - 3. Extreme, unanticipated financial hardship arising after the beginning of academic semester.
 - 4. Marriage during the agreement term.
 - 5. Parental responsibilities.
 - 6. Student has been called to active duty for the United States military during the contract term.
- b. Written documentation for the above reasons (Section 10a) is required by the Director of Housing & Residence Life or their designee.
- c. Release for the above reasons (Section 10a) will include the following costs:
 - 1. A pro-rated daily charge for the period that a room was assigned and available to the student.
 - 2. A pro-rated weekly charge for a residential meal plan; not including Dining Dollars.
 - 3. A pro-rated charge for a block meal plan, if applicable.
 - 4. A \$50 administrative charge
- d. Release of agreement to move to an off-campus house/apartment or home while remaining an enrolled WSU or MSCSE student will include the following costs:
 - 1. A pro-rated daily charge for the period that room was assigned and available to the student.

2. A pro-rated weekly charge for the meal plan; not including Dining Dollars.
3. Student will be charged 50% of the remainder of their room costs for the duration of this Agreement – see Section 3.
- e. WSU may immediately cancel this Agreement and retake possession thereof for the following reasons:
 1. Failure to make payment.
 2. Damage from fire, smoke, water, or other causes natural and unnatural.
 3. Noncompliance with the rules and regulations of the residence halls, University policies, local laws, or federal and state laws. If the release of this Agreement is based upon a disciplinary action, the student may be required to vacate immediately, and is responsible for costs associated with release of agreement to move off-campus – See Section 10d.
 4. Loss of student status – see Section 2.

11. CAMPUS DINING

- a. All students living in the residence halls (except the East Lake Apartments, the Alumni House, and the Sustainability House) are required to be on a residential meal plan. If a meal plan is not selected during the room and meal plan selection process, a meal plan will be assigned to you.
- b. Students living in the East Lake Apartments, the Alumni House, and the Sustainability House can sign up for a meal plan on the Housing Portal.
- c. The deadline to request a meal plan change is October 31 for Fall Semester and April 1 for Spring Semester.
- d. Meal plans can only be used by the student who is assigned the plan.

12. CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

- a. Student agrees to comply with check-in and check-out procedures as stated in the WSU Housing and Residence Life Student Guide as well as related memos sent out by the Housing and Residence Life Office.
- b. If the student is a “no show” or fails to check-in by the first day of classes, without communication of a late arrival, they will forfeit their room assignment and the \$250 pre-payment.
- c. Acceptance of a room key confirms student’s status as a resident. Student is responsible for completing the room inspection on their Housing Portal within 24 hours of accepting their room key. At check-out, damages found in the room and not indicated on the room inspection will be billed to the student and/or their roommate(s).
- d. Once the student checks out, all mail and packages will be **returned to sender** unless the student updates their forwarding address with the U.S. Postal Service.
- e. Student must vacate their room and the WSU residence halls within 72 hours of withdrawing from the university or loss of student status – see Section 2.
- f. For each semester, student must vacate their room and the residence hall within 24 hours of their last final examination or by the published hall closing time, whichever occurs first.

13. RIGHT OF ENTRY

WSU, its officers, employees, and agents shall have the right to enter the 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.

14. LIABILITY

Winona State University is not responsible for damage or theft of personal property, including money. WSU encourages students to carry appropriate renters or personal property insurance. In addition, neither WSU, Housing & Residence Life, nor its staff, assumes any liability for accidents/injuries which may occur either in a residence hall or while 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.

15. UNAVAILABILITY OF PREMISES

If 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 the student or Winona State University have the right to immediately cancel this Agreement. WSU will not be financially responsible to the student for any damage which results from such a cancellation.

16. CLOSING CLAUSE

This Agreement and the Housing and Residence Life Student Guide represent the entire agreement between the parties and no verbal promises between the University and the student are binding. Upon signing this Agreement, the student agrees to become educated on and comply with all State, University, Housing and Residence Life rules, policies, regulations, and procedures as published in the Housing and Residence Life Student Guide 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.

Minnesota State College Southeast --- WSU Housing Agreement Addendum

The following agreement addendum is specific to Minnesota State College Southeast students who apply to live in Winona State University Housing.

Eligibility

See SECTION 2 of Agreement for Housing and Dining. As a Minnesota State College Southeast student, you are eligible to live in Winona State University student housing.

Duration

See SECTION 3 of Agreement for Housing and Dining. As a Minnesota State College Southeast student your academic term may differ from the Winona State academic term. If these dates do not coincide you may continue to stay in WSU student housing 24 hours after your last academic obligation. Charges for Winter Break and late stays will apply.

Responsibilities

See SECTION 5 of Agreement for Housing and Dining. As a Minnesota State College Southeast student living in Winona State student housing, you are responsible for and agree to comply with all rules and regulations of the WSU Student Conduct Code and all Housing and Residence Life Policies. If you are charged with a violation of these policies, you may be subject to an administrative hearing by the Department of Housing and Residence Life and any subsequent conduct sanctions. Winona State University reserves the right to contact and discuss your situation with appropriate personnel at Minnesota State College Southeast if deemed necessary.

Rates & Payment

See SECTION 6 for a full explanation of rates and payments. As a Minnesota State College Southeast student living in Winona State student housing, your billing and payment will be processed through Winona State University. Your financial aid application must be submitted to Minnesota College Southeast. This will not be automatically shared or applied to WSU charges. Both institutions have eservices and separate billing. You will be responsible for both.

Agreement Release

See SECTION 10 for a full explanation of terms and conditions. As a Minnesota State College Southeast student living in Winona State student housing, you are responsible for informing WSU housing if you withdraw from classes, are dropped from enrollment or do not enroll for the current term. If you lose your status as an enrolled student at either WSU or MNSCSE you will be required to request an agreement release and vacate your residence within 72 hours.

Campus Dining

See SECTION 11 for full explanation. As a Minnesota State College Southeast student living in Winona State student housing, you are required to have a residential meal plan (unless you are living in East Lake Apartments, the Alumni House, or the Sustainability House). We know you may be away from WSU campus for much of the day, so please know there are to-go options as well as having food service provide a packed lunch for you regularly. Please contact the housing office for more information on these services.