

## **RESIDENCE LIFE LIVE-ON REQUIREMENTS**

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DSU Policy No. 516.001

DSU Policy Manual: <http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/policymanual>

DSU Forms: <http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/forms>

Reference Documents: Dickinson State University Student Handbook

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**Beginning fall semester 2015, all first-year and second-year full-time students are required to live in a residence hall on-campus, and purchase a board plan, for the full academic year.**

For this policy, first-year and second-year students are defined as undergraduate students, under the age of 21 prior to the start of classes for the year in which they are enrolling, who enroll full-time at Dickinson State University and have accumulated less than 48 credit hours.

### **Exemption Policy and Process**

All first-year and second-year students are expected to live on-campus unless they meet at least one of the criteria for exemption AND submit the exemption housing appeal request form online at [http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/divisions/Student-Affairs-and-Enrollment-Management/residential\\_life/Forms/housing-appeal-request](http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/divisions/Student-Affairs-and-Enrollment-Management/residential_life/Forms/housing-appeal-request).

Exemptions to the live-on requirement may be considered for the following reasons:

- Married students or students with dependents who live in the home with the student.
- Age 21+ prior to the start of classes for the year in which they are enrolling. Students who turn 21 in the fall semester may appeal to live off campus for the spring semester.
- Under the age of 21, living with immediate family member, within 50 miles of the DSU-Dickinson campus.

Any petition for exceptions from the above criteria is required to be submitted through the housing appeal request online, which is submitted to the Office of Housing & Dining, prior to moving into the assigned residence hall room. Supporting and clear documentation for such a reason must be included in the appeal. In most cases, exceptions to this policy will not be made and we encourage students to work directly with the residence life staff to meet any special needs or reasonable accommodations.

Exceptions will not be made based on financial need. Students should consider all aspects of financial responsibility when finalizing their decision to attend Dickinson State University, this includes those issues related to room and board.

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44 Decisions made in regards to off campus petitions are not made lightly. The Office of Housing  
45 & Dining will consult with various DSU officials in addition to following up with supporting  
46 documentations. The decision of the Director of Director of Housing & Dining will be final.

47 Any concerns or questions in relation to this policy should be directed to the Office of Housing  
48 & Dining.

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**51 Policy History**

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