

# **ON-CAMPUS HOUSING POLICY SUMMARY**

## **Office of Residence Life**

The University of Saint Mary requires students to live within University housing until they are 19 years of age and a junior (60 credit hours). Incoming first-year students and transfer students who are 21 years of age and older are exempt from the on-campus housing policy.

### **RATIONALE**

The group living experience provides a valuable part of the total higher education program, and, therefore, assists the individual with adaptation to university life. The on-campus experience affords each student a structured living environment, proximity to academic resources, convenient access to organized student activities, social interactions, supervision and counseling as needed. In short, the on-campus experience provides a unique climate for personal growth opportunities, which are an integral and intentional component of the university education.

### **POLICY WAIVER CATEGORIES**

USM recognizes that some off-campus settings, especially those provided by family members, approximate the advantages of on-campus residency. In addition, some entering first-year students may have living requirements which the University cannot accommodate on campus. Three categories for policy waiver have been established to respond to students with unique circumstances.

- A. FAMILY RESIDENCY WAIVER:** The student is living in the KC Metro area (no further than 30 miles from the University) with a member of their immediate family or legal guardian. Immediate family is defined as: father, mother, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, or grandparent. Note: Failure to maintain the residency will result in loss of waiver and potential disciplinary actions.

#### **DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:**

- Completed Residential On-Campus Housing Waiver Request form.
- A notarized letter of support from parents or legal guardians indicating this will be the student's residence for the entire academic year.
- A notarized letter of support from the person the student will be residing with if other than parent or legal guardian.

- B. MARRIED STUDENT WAIVER:** The student is married on or before the first class day of fall semester.

#### **DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:**

- Completed On-Campus Housing Waiver Request form.
- Copies of marriage license and marriage certificate (or equivalent civil records if a non-church ceremony was performed).

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- C. MOTHER/FATHER OF A DEPENDANT:** The student is the legal, custodial parent of a dependent child.

#### **DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:**

- Completed Residential On-Campus Housing Waiver Request form
- Copy of child's birth certificate bearing mark of certifying authority (i.e. hospital or county records office).

