

## Off Campus Housing Policy

Northwest University is intentionally residential. We believe living on campus provides a meaningful compliment to the classroom experience and shapes our learning community in ways that encourage holistic development. We believe in the value of community living and breaking bread as a profoundly Christian practice. Therefore, traditional undergraduate students are required to live on campus during their time at Northwest University.

Traditional students must meet at least one of the following criteria in order to qualify to live off campus (commute) while attending Northwest University:

- Living at home with parent(s)\*;
- 23 years old or older on the first day of fall semester;
- Be 21 years old AND have junior status (60 semester credits earned) on the first day of fall semester;
- Married;
- Parent or legal guardian to a child;
- Employed where room and board are provided\*.

\*Verification by parent(s) or employer is required. Off campus residence must be within a 35-mile drive to campus in order to receive approval.

All commuter students must complete a Residency Exemption Form. Those that do not meet the qualifications may still petition to live off campus by completing the form and attaching a petition. The petition should include all relevant information for the Residence Life and Housing Office to thoroughly consider the request.

### **Application Process:**

Residency Exemption Form must be received *prior* to August 1st for the Fall semester and by December 1<sup>st</sup> for the Spring semester. The form should be submitted online via the student's MyHousing profile.

Students need to apply and be approved to live off campus. They do not need to reapply every year unless their status or address changes. It is the student's responsibility to provide current and updated address information to the Housing Office.