Off Campus Housing Policy

The mission of residence life is to help shape a Christ centered living, learning community in order to encourage relational and spiritual development. We believe that the interaction between people is a guiding and fundamentally important component of Christian student development. We believe it is necessary for students to be immersed in community living for essential person-to-person encounters to be possible. Therefore, as a condition of attending Northwest University, traditional undergraduate students are required to live on campus in university owned residence halls or apartments.

Students wishing to live off campus must complete an online off-campus housing application indicating which of the following criteria they meet:

- Live with their parent(s) or an approved adult’s residence
- 23 years old or older on the first day of class
- Be 21 years old AND have junior status (60 semester credits earned) on the first day of class
- Be married and living off campus
- Have been approved to study abroad
- Have a job off campus which provides room and board

Applications must be approved before off-campus status is granted.

How to apply:
Off-campus applications must be received prior to August 1st for the Fall semester and by December 1st for the Spring semester. Applications should be submitted online via MyHousing.

- Students ONLY need to apply and be approved ONCE – they do not need to re-apply every year (unless a students’ status has changed); however it is the commuters responsibility to provide current and updated address information to the Student Development office by emailing Housing as necessary.
- Students approved to live off campus are considered commuters.

Students who do NOT have a housing application on file while attending the university will be subject to a $100 fee and may be required to move on campus immediately.