



WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Housing & Residence Life

2026–2027 HOUSING CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

This Housing Contract (“Contract”) is entered into between West Virginia State University (“University”) and the undersigned student (“Student”). The Student’s parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s), if applicable, are collectively referred to as “Obligors.”

The University grants the Student a revocable license to occupy a space in University housing subject to the terms and conditions outlined below.

Residence in University housing is a privilege, not a right.

1. ELIGIBILITY & ASSIGNMENT OF SPACE

To reside in University housing, the Student must:

- Be registered as a full-time student at West Virginia State University
- Maintain a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA
- Maintain active student status
- Make appropriate financial payment arrangements

Housing assignments are not guaranteed until all required fees are paid in full and required steps are completed.

The \$200 housing reservation fee is non-refundable and does not guarantee placement in any specific residence hall, building, room type, or roommate configuration.

The University reserves the right to reassign students as necessary for operational, disciplinary, safety, occupancy, or administrative reasons.

2. TERM OF OCCUPANCY

This Contract is valid for the 2026–2027 Academic Year and is divided into Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 occupancy periods.

FALL 2026

- Approved Early Arrival Groups (as authorized by Housing & Residence Life): Beginning Wednesday, August 5, 2026.
- **Freshman & Transfer Students:** Wednesday, August 12, 2026 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
 - **A–M:** 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - **N–Z:** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- **Returning & Graduate Students:** Friday, August 14, 2026 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
- **Fall Move-Out Schedule:**
 - December 7–10, 2026: 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
 - Friday, December 11, 2026: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Residence halls close at 12:00 PM (Noon) on Friday, December 11, 2026.
- Students graduating or formally approved for extended participation must vacate no later than 6:00 PM on Saturday, December 12, 2026.
- No students will be permitted to remain beyond the official closing date and time unless approved in writing.

SPRING 2027

- **Move-In:** January 8–10, 2027 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)



- **Spring Move-Out Schedule:**
 - May 3–6, 2027: 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
 - Friday, May 7, 2027: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Residence halls close at 12:00 PM (Noon) on Friday, May 7, 2027.
- Students graduating or formally approved for extended participation must vacate no later than 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 8, 2027.
- No students will be permitted to remain beyond the official closing date and time unless approved in writing.

Modification of Dates

All dates are subject to change at the University's sole discretion due to weather, public health concerns, operational needs, civil authority orders, or other circumstances beyond the University's control.

3. EARLY ARRIVAL & EXTENDED OCCUPANCY

Early arrival or extended occupancy requires prior written approval from Housing & Residence Life.

Approval is subject to:

- Space availability
- Operational capacity
- Formal request
- Verification from sponsoring department (if applicable)

Students participating in officially recognized athletic teams or University-sponsored programs that remain in season, practicing, or competing beyond standard housing dates may be pre-approved upon written confirmation from the Department of Athletics. Final approval remains at the sole discretion of the Director of Housing & Residence Life.

Approved early arrival or extended occupancy may result in additional daily housing charges unless otherwise authorized in writing.

4. FAILURE TO VACATE / HOLDOVER OCCUPANCY

Students who remain in University housing after the official closing date and time will be charged the established daily housing rate for each day, or portion thereof, they remain in occupancy.

Occupancy continues until all of the following have occurred:

- Official check-out is completed
- All belongings are removed
- Keys and access devices are returned

All personal belongings must be removed prior to the official closing date and time. Items remaining in the unit after the required vacate deadline will be treated as abandoned property in accordance with Section 16 of this agreement.

Failure to vacate by the required deadline constitutes unauthorized occupancy of University housing.

Students who fail to vacate as required may be subject to daily housing charges, improper check-out fines, lock changes at the Student's expense, removal or disposal of personal property, and additional conduct action.



5. LOSS OF STUDENT STATUS – MANDATORY 24-HOUR VACATE

If a Student withdraws, is suspended, dismissed, fails to enroll, becomes academically ineligible, is removed through conduct proceedings, or is otherwise no longer considered an active student, this Contract is automatically terminated.

The Student must vacate within twenty-four (24) hours of official notification from the Office of Housing and Residence Life or the University.

Failure to vacate may result in lockout, removal of property, additional daily charges, and referral for further action.

6. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The Student agrees to pay:

- \$200 non-refundable housing reservation fee
- Room and board charges
- Damage charges
- Conduct fines
- Improper check-out fines
- Daily holdover charges
- Any assessed penalties

Students removed for policy violations remain financially responsible for housing charges through the end of the semester unless the University determines otherwise in writing.

Outstanding balances may be subject to institutional collection practices and administrative holds in accordance with University policy.

7. USE OF UNIT

The Unit may only be used as a residence.

The Student may not:

- Use the Unit unlawfully
- Maintain a nuisance
- Interfere with safety, study, or comfort
- Damage, alter, or remove University property
- Install unapproved appliances
- House unauthorized occupants
- Operate or conduct any business, commercial enterprise, or service activity from the Unit, including but not limited to hair styling, barbering, food preparation for sale, or other paid services

The Student is responsible for maintaining the Unit in a clean, sanitary, and safe condition.

8. HOUSING AUTHORITY & INDEPENDENT REMOVAL

The Office of Housing & Residence Life maintains independent authority to remove a student from University housing when, in its judgment, the student's behavior poses a risk to safety, disrupts the residential community, demonstrates repeated non-compliance, or otherwise undermines the living-learning environment.



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Housing removal may occur independent of, and prior to, the outcome of Student Conduct proceedings. Removal does not require a criminal conviction or final adjudication.

Allegations related to safety, harassment, mental health concerns, or interpersonal conflicts do not automatically exempt a student from housing policy enforcement or disciplinary action.

The Director of Housing & Residence Life retains sole discretion in determining a student's continued eligibility to reside in University housing.

Removal from University housing may take effect immediately upon notice. The submission of an appeal or participation in a conduct review process does not delay or suspend the required vacate timeline unless written authorization is provided by the University.

9. ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia is prohibited.

Marijuana is prohibited in University housing regardless of state law.

Students may also be held responsible for the presence of drugs or drug paraphernalia in their assigned Unit, even if ownership is disputed.

Violations may result in a minimum \$200 fine, community service within the residence halls, housing probation, referral to Student Conduct, referral to law enforcement, loss of visitation privileges, and/or immediate removal from housing at the discretion of the Director.

10. ALCOHOL POLICY – DRY CAMPUS

West Virginia State University is a dry campus. The possession, consumption, distribution, or storage of alcoholic beverages is prohibited within all University residence halls, regardless of the Student's age.

Alcohol-related violations within University housing may result in:

- Monetary fines
- Community service within the residence halls
- Housing probation
- Educational sanctions
- Loss of visitation privileges
- Referral to Student Conduct
- Immediate removal from housing at the discretion of the Director of Housing & Residence Life

Students may also be held responsible for the presence of alcohol in their assigned Unit, even if ownership is disputed.

Repeated alcohol violations demonstrate disregard for community standards and may result in housing termination.

11. WEAPONS PROHIBITION

The possession, storage, use, or display of weapons within University housing is strictly prohibited. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:



- Firearms (loaded or unloaded)
- Ammunition
- Explosives
- BB guns or pellet guns
- Tasers or stun guns
- Knives exceeding permitted length under University policy
- Any item used or intended to be used as a weapon

A Student found in possession of a weapon within University housing may be subject to:

- Immediate removal from housing
- Referral to Student Conduct
- Referral to law enforcement

Housing removal may occur immediately, pending further conduct investigation.

The Director of Housing & Residence Life retains sole discretion to determine whether a Student may continue residing in University housing following a weapons violation.

12. PROPERTY DAMAGE & JOINT LIABILITY

Students are financially responsible for damage beyond normal wear and tear.

If responsibility cannot be individually determined, residents may be held jointly liable.

Intentional damage may result in immediate removal from housing.

13. FIRE SAFETY

Tampering with fire safety equipment may result in a minimum \$500 fine, immediate removal, and/or criminal referral.

14. ROOM ENTRY

The University may enter a Unit for maintenance, inspections, suspected violations, safety concerns, or emergencies. Reasonable notice will be provided when feasible; however, notice may not be required in urgent or emergency situations.

15. NO REFUND UPON DISCIPLINARY REMOVAL

Students removed from housing for conduct violations are not entitled to housing refunds. The housing reservation fee remains non-refundable.

16. ABANDONED PROPERTY

Property left after check-out will be considered abandoned and may be removed or disposed of at the Student's expense.

17. LIABILITY

The University is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property. Students are encouraged to obtain renter's insurance.



18. SEVERABILITY

If any provision is deemed unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in effect.

19. ELECTRONIC AGREEMENT & BINDING EFFECT

By submitting the 2026–2027 Housing Application through the University’s official electronic system or another electronic platform designated by the Office of Housing and Residence Life, the Student acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agreed to all terms and conditions of this Housing Contractual Agreement. Submission of the application constitutes the Student’s electronic acceptance of this agreement and creates a legally binding contract between the Student and West Virginia State University.

If the Student is under the age of 18 at the time of submission, the Student affirms that a parent or legal guardian has reviewed and consents to the terms of this agreement.

The University’s electronic record of submission and acceptance shall be maintained as the official record and serves as proof of the Student’s agreement to the terms outlined in this contract.

The Student is responsible for the accuracy and authenticity of all information submitted through the housing application process. Submission of the application through the designated electronic platform constitutes verification that the Student personally completed the submission or authorized the submission on their behalf and accepts full responsibility for the agreement.

Failure to review or understand the terms of this Housing Contractual Agreement does not relieve the Student of the responsibilities and obligations outlined herein.

Participation in campus housing is a privilege and not a guaranteed right. The University reserves the right to modify, suspend, or terminate this Housing Contractual Agreement at any time if the Student violates University policies, housing regulations, or engages in behavior that threatens the safety, wellbeing, or orderly operation of the residential community. Housing assignments and continued eligibility for campus housing remain subject to the discretion of the University.

20. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY & COMMUNICATION

All communications regarding this Housing Contractual Agreement, housing eligibility, conduct actions, housing removal, or contract enforcement will be directed to the Student through their official West Virginia State University student email account.

While parents, guardians, or other third parties may provide financial support, the housing contract is entered into between the Student and the University. The Student is responsible for monitoring University communications and complying with all housing directives.

The University may communicate with parents or other third parties only when authorized by the Student or when permitted under applicable federal privacy laws, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
