



Parent/Guardian Statement for Commuter Students

Western Kentucky University strongly believes in the value of the on-campus residential component of the educational experience for students. Studies have indicated the following regarding students living on campus during their first years of college:

- o They earn better grades.
- o They develop stronger ties to the University.
- o They build more meaningful relationships with peers.
- o They are generally more satisfied with their college experience than students who live off-campus.
- o They are more likely to graduate.

However, we do recognize that certain considerations need to be made to allow students to commute from the home and primary residence of a parent or legal guardian within a reasonable distance.

If your student wishes to live at home, please complete this form and upload it, along with a copy of your driver's license or state-issued ID to your student's Housing Portal, accessed via <https://my.wku.edu>

This request must be renewed each academic year, and all requests MUST be submitted electronically.

Student's Information

Name:

WKU ID Number:

Policy Agreement

Please initial next to each of the following statements:

I verify I am a parent or legal guardian of the student listed above.

The student above will be residing full-time with me at my permanent home and address.

I certify that all of the information contained on the exemption form and in any supporting documentation is true and accurate.

I understand that providing the University with false information could lead to student disciplinary actions such as restitution, probation, suspension from the University and/or other actions.

If the student's living situation changes after an approved exemption, I understand that I will notify the Department of Housing and Residence Life of this change and that the student may then be required to live in the residence halls.

I further understand that should this commuting request be denied and the student chooses to live off-campus, the student will be charged the full housing rate of per semester. Similarly, if the exemption is approved and the student is discovered not to be living at home through any method or for any reason, the student will be charged the appropriate housing rate and may face disciplinary action.

I understand that requests must be submitted by the second Friday of classes for the semester. If filed after, a \$150 fee will be charged to the student's account only if the exemption is granted.

Due to frequent false information being provided to the University, periodic audits may take place to monitor that the student is indeed residing at home.

Signature

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and consent to the conditions above.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Student Signature:

Date:

Date: