

Residence Life Education and Housing **Petition to Live Off-Campus**

Abilene Christian University promotes a residence life philosophy intended to assist students in their development toward responsible and disciplined lifestyles. We believe a student's best opportunity for success is deeply rooted in our Christian environment—integrating living, learning and faith. Unlike colleges and universities that may require four years in on-campus housing, or others that may be defined as commuter schools without any on-campus housing, ACU provides a developmental opportunity whereby first-year students live in traditional on-campus halls with a curfew, second-year students live in halls without a curfew, and third-year, fourth-year and graduate students live in on-campus apartments or off-campus.

All first-year and second-year students are required to live on-campus, regardless of the number of hours earned. The only exceptions to this requirement are as follows:

1. A student's parents are Abilene residents and he or she will live with his or her parents in the family's primary residence. (Students whose parents own property in Abilene are not exempt from this policy. Parents should plan to lease this property until their student is eligible to live off-campus.)
2. A student is 21 years of age prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
3. A student has graduated from high school more than two years prior to the beginning of the fall semester. (Home schooled students and high school students enrolled in college classes earning dual credit are not exempt from this policy.)
4. A student is married and files a marriage license with the Residence Life Office.
5. A student is enrolled in less than 9 hours at ACU. (First and second-year students enrolled in less than 9 hours at ACU and taking additional hours from another college or university in Abilene or the surrounding area are not exempt from this policy.)

Any petition for exceptions to the above criteria must be made in writing to the Office of Residence Life Education and Housing. Such petitions must adequately state reasons for an exception and should include any supporting documentation for such reasons. Our first priority will be to meet any special needs within our residence life policy. A number of rooms have been dedicated to these special requests. In most cases, exceptions to our policies will not be made. Instead, we desire that students work with residence life staff to meet any special needs. Exceptions will not be made based on financial need. Students should consider issues related to room and board when making decisions to attend Abilene Christian University.

When making decisions with respect to off-campus petitions, the Office of Residence Life Education and Housing will consult with various ACU officials, as well as with any person submitting supporting documentation. The decision of the Director of Residence Life Education and Housing will be final. Any concerns or questions concerning ACU residence life philosophy, policies or process should be directed to the Office of Residence Life Education and Housing.

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APPLICATION FOR LIVING OFF-CAMPUS

Print Full Name: _____ ACU E-mail: _____

Phone Number to best contact you: _____

Banner ID Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Term Applying for: _____ High School Graduation Date: _____

Number of semesters in any campus housing (excluding summer): _____

Housing Information:

*Address where you will be living:

 (Housing address) (City, State) (Zip)

Phone Number where you will be living: _____

Name those who will be living with you, their relationship to you, and a contact number for them:

(Name)	(Relationship)	(Contact number)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

*Students enrolled in Abilene Christian University must accurately list with the university their current place of residence and promptly inform the university of any changes in the listing.

I understand and will abide by the regulations governing off campus housing. I also agree that I will not move from the address listed above without notifying the Office of Residence Life Education and Housing of my new address. I UNDERSTAND THAT SHOULD I VIOLATE ANY OF THESE REGULATIONS MY CLASSES MAY BE DROPPED.

 (Signature of applicant) (Date)

 (Denied or approved) (Residence Life Staff Signature) (Date)

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