

# William Jewell College

## Exemption Application to Campus Residential Policy

William Jewell College believes in providing opportunities for students to mature intellectually, emotionally, physically, spiritually, and socially. A constant effort is made to encourage students to assume responsibility for their own actions while showing concern for others. By assuming such responsibilities, students are able to realize their own potential both as leaders and as members of the college community.

Policies and procedures stated in the Student Handbook have been established in an effort to provide maximum freedom and personal responsibility while reflecting the health and safety needs essential to orderly living and study in a large community setting.

William Jewell College is a residential institution that seeks to express its liberal arts philosophy in many ways through the residential experience. The college is committed to a rigorous pursuit of the development of a quality four-year residential program which genuinely seeks to expose each student to the finest living-learning situation that college resources will permit. The residence life system also strives to enhance the educational development of its residents by offering relevant programs designed to meet student needs, including activities offered by resident directors and resident assistants in each building. Through involvement in these programs and in the many leadership opportunities offered through the residence life system, students are better prepared to meet the challenges associated with college life in a responsible and successful manner.

### **Campus Residency Requirement**

All students are required to live on campus, except when meeting one or more of the following conditions or exceptions:

- 23 years of age or older before August 1 of the academic year in question;
- married and/or have children and/or other legal dependents living with you;
- enrolled in less than 12 credit hours.

### **Grounds for Application**

Students may petition the College for exemption from the residency requirement based on existing medical/health conditions that prohibit living in a residence hall environment, extreme financial hardship or other unique extenuating circumstances. Rulings on exemption applications will be rendered by an appeals committee of staff members from the Offices of Student Affairs and the Financial Aid Office. Rulings of the appeals committee are final.

### Medical/Health Exemption

To apply for exemption on grounds of medical/health exemption, students must complete the appropriate portions of this application (see reverse) and attach a detailed letter from a physician which outlines the medical/health condition and how it prohibits living in a residence hall environment. If appeal is based on allergies, copy of a recent blood or skin test must be submitted with appeal.

### Financial Hardship Exemption

To apply for exemption on grounds of financial hardship, students must complete the following steps:

1. have a completed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on file with the Office of Financial Aid (FAFSA priority deadline is March 1),
2. complete the appropriate portions of this application (see reverse) and
3. attach a written statement and/or documentation that supports your application.

### Extenuating Circumstances Exemption

To apply for exemption on grounds of extenuating circumstances, students must complete the appropriate portions of this application (see reverse) and attach a detailed written statement and/or documentation that outlines the extenuating circumstances and how living on campus will be disadvantageous.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:*** *It is highly recommended that students consult with the Office of Financial Aid prior to applying for exemption from the College's residential policy. Students granted an exemption to live off-campus may see reduced financial aid with elimination of the room and board fees.*

***SEE REVERSE***→

