

2023-2024 Lamar University Housing Contract Terms and Conditions

This contract is an agreement between Lamar University (hereinafter "LU" or "University"), a member of The Texas State University System, and an agency of the State of Texas and the individual student (hereinafter "Student" or "Resident") if the Student is not 18 years of age at the time of submitting the Housing Application, a parent or legal guardian is required to indicate acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in this agreement by submitting the Housing Contract.

This contract is not a lease but a license to occupy a space in a university residence hall in connection with the Student's pursuit of an education at Lamar University or at the Lamar Institute of Technology (hereinafter "LIT") and confers no residence rights on any person who is not enrolled and in good standing at one of these institutions. The license does not guarantee a particular room, residence, hall or roommate choice. The Student's residence rights may be revoked at any time due to the failure to maintain enrollment as a student at LU/LIT, failure to meet academic requirements at LU/LIT, the imposition of disciplinary sanctions, termination of the contract by the University for any reason, including but not limited to:

- the Student's willful disregard of responsibilities and duties under this contract or for the rights of others;
- the creation of circumstances that could, in the sole opinion of the University, jeopardize the safety or property of others; or
- judicial/disciplinary action by LU/LIT or by state or federal courts.

FIRST-YEAR HOUSING EXPECTATION

All First Year students are required to reside in University housing and to maintain a residential dining plan during their first year, which will normally include the fall and spring semesters. Students must meet one of the following criteria to be considered for an exemption:

1. Reside with a parent/Student that lived within a 60-mile radius of Lamar University during their senior year in high school and will continue to live with the same parent
2. Married and/or have dependent children in residence
3. Earned 30 or more semester credit hours since high school graduation at an accredited college

or university

Documentation is required to be considered for an exemption. The Housing Exemption Request and required documentation can be found on the Housing and Residence Life website.

RESIDENCE LIFE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Residence Life is offering a special incentive for Lamar University students in good standing living in university housing.

Current LU residents (2022-2023 academic year Fall & Spring semesters) who sign a housing contract for the 2023-2024 academic year are eligible and will receive a \$400 housing credit for the 2023-2024 academic year (\$200 per semester).

Eligibility requirements:

1. Residents must live in university housing for the entire academic year immediately prior to the academic year in which the housing credit is applied;
2. residents must have completed at least 30 credit hours at LU;
3. residents must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average;
4. the resident's account balance with the university must be current and
5. the resident must occupy a room in university housing when the credit is applied.

Residents who have a university academic scholarship or an athletic scholarship from LU are not eligible for the housing credit. The credit will only be applied to room rent in university housing. The credit will not be applied to meal plans, tuition, fees, books, or other university charges nor will the Resident receive the credit as cash or cash equivalents.

1. TERM AND OCCUPANCY PERIOD

The contract term is for both the fall semester and the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year. The occupancy period begins on the first official day of fall move-in and ends 24 hours after the student's last final exam of the spring semester. The contract terms and conditions apply either to the full occupancy period (fall and spring semesters), or if entered into after the start of an academic year, to the balance of the occupancy period beginning on the student's move-in day. Contracts for summer terms are separate. Contracts for graduating seniors

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shall end at 5 p.m. on the day following graduation day.

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residence hall.

2. If a new student has an approved contract on file but does not enroll in classes at either LU or LIT during the term of the contract, the agreement will be cancelled and room rent charges will be removed from the student's account, and the student will forfeit the application fee.
3. If a current resident student in university housing submits a new housing contract for the next academic year but does not enroll in classes for the semester indicated in the application, the agreement will be cancelled, and the student will be charged a liquidated fee of \$500. If the student enrolls at any time during the semester, the contract is reinstated and the student is financially responsible for room and meal plan.

- C. Cancellation of Housing During the Academic Year. Generally once classes have begun, requests for cancellation are only considered for the following reasons:

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