Community Living at Beacon College

Housing and Residence Life (HRL) at Beacon College is an integral part of the educational program and academic support services at Beacon College. We provide a safe and supportive living environment that contributes to the holistic growth and development of the individual. Research indicates that students who live on campus generally have higher grade point averages and graduate with greater frequency.

To be eligible for campus housing, you must be a currently enrolled student or an applied, accepted and deposited first year student. Your signature on this document is a commitment legally and financially to reside in college-supported housing for the academic year (or remaining term for which you’ve applied). Please note that the submission of an application does not constitute a guarantee of campus housing.

Application Deadlines
For best consideration in receiving an assignment, submit this application, all required health documentation and make satisfactory financial arrangements by August 1 for a Fall 2014 start and by December 1 for a Spring 2015 start.

For More Information
For more information about campus housing at Beacon College, contact us by phone at (352) 638-9765 or email the Housing Office directly at housing@beaconcollege.edu.

Living in Community
Because of the education value of on-campus living, we strongly encourage first-year students, or those who enter within one year of high school graduation, to choose to live in college-supported housing. Additionally, we encourage returning and transferring students to do the same for convenience, availability of services, and ease of participation in campus clubs and activities. By choosing to live in campus housing at Beacon College, you will have an opportunity to experience living and working beside new and different people. Our community is a dynamic place comprised of diverse people with varying values, cultures, lifestyles and attitudes. Choosing to live in campus housing gives you the opportunity to take part in the creation of an environment in which people

- Know each other,
- Respect personal opinions and beliefs,
- Respect, appreciate and celebrate individual differences,
- Feel safe to experience personal growth and transformation,
- Actively contribute to a positive group living experience,
- Achieve academic success and grow intellectually.

Choosing a Roommate
You may indicate preferred roommate(s) by listing the name(s) on the application. Roommates are placed together based on mutual requests and space availability. We cannot guarantee specific roommate placement but we will make every effort to accommodate these requests.

Housing Assignments
Once the Housing Office reviews your application, we will send you official notification of its receipt. While every effort is made to honor specific requests (i.e. complex, floor or apartment type), housing is assigned on a need first, space available basis. Beacon College ultimately assigns housing as appropriate to the needs of the College and to the rights and responsibilities of its residents. The College reserves the right to make apartment/room changes at any time without cause or explanation and without resident approval.

Housing Options
Beacon College offers a variety of accommodations for campus-living. Rooms and apartments are set up for occupants of the same sex. First year students are eligible to live in the Village Apartments and Woodward complexes. Junior and senior students are eligible to reside in any facility. First-year students are assigned to housing based on personal data and space availability.

Billing
Housing is billed per semester. All health and financial obligations to the college must be satisfied prior to housing check-in. Room fees for the 2013-2014 academic year are as follows:

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Fees generally increase slightly from year to year; you should expect an increase for the 2014-2015 academic year.
1. Terms and Conditions
The term of this agreement is for the 2014-2015 academic year. The undersigned student agrees to abide by all regulations established by the College and currently in force regarding residence as provided in the Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct and any other officially sanctioned college publication.

2. Eligibility
To be eligible for campus housing, a student must be enrolled as a full-time, degree-seeking student at the College. Exceptions to the full-time enrollment are made for students nearing graduation. All residents of campus housing are required to participate in the College meal plan. Individual housing eligibility is non-transferable. A resident may not rent, assign, allow, or otherwise permit another person to share a room or apartment. The student may only use their room/apartment as stated in this agreement. The College does not provide housing facilities for spouses and children. Once a student takes a College Leave or Withdraws (voluntary or not), they must vacate their housing assignment 24 hours after informing the Housing Office. A student who fails to do so will be held liable for any charges incurred after the College Leave or Withdraw dates.

3. Payment of Fees
Room and Board charges must be paid by the date noted in the fee payment schedule established by the College’s Business Office.

4. Periods of Residency
Students will not be allowed to return to campus before the scheduled opening of the residence halls for each semester as noted in the College’s academic calendar. A student must vacate his/her room within 24 hours after their final exam at the end of each semester. Students who fail to move out by their designated time are subject to fines, conduct action, or both. The Assistant Director of Campus Life or his/her designee must approve any extension or early arrival. Residents who return before the official opening of the residence halls or stay beyond the official closing of the residence halls will be subject to additional charges, conduct action, or both.

5. Room Assignment/Consolidation
The College does not guarantee specific buildings, rooms or roommates and reserves the right to assign or re-assign residents to other rooms and complexes in the best interest of the individual resident, the residence community, or to make the most effective and efficient use of available space. Students who change rooms without approval are subject to fines, conduct action, or both. The College reserves the right to assign a student to any empty space in any residence hall, or other suitable facilities designated as a residential area, at any time. Residents with unoccupied spaces in their rooms for which they are not paying may not refuse a roommate. In an effort to maximize space, the College reserves the right to move students together even though the situation may be no one’s fault and inconvenience may be experienced. If a student is uncooperative, he/she will be responsible for supplemental charges, subject to fines, conduct action, or both.

6. Cancellation of the Agreement
This agreement may only be cancelled in writing by the student whose name appears on this agreement. Electronic mail from a Beacon College student account with appropriate signature is permitted. All residents cancelling their housing agreement must complete check-out procedures; failure to do so will require fines be administered.

7. Condition of Room/Common Areas
Each student is responsible for the care and cleanliness of the housing space to which he/she is assigned, together with its furnishings and the interior and exterior common areas to which building or complex a student is assigned. The resident must observe all rules, policies, or procedures that have been promulgated by the College regarding the upkeep of the residences, which are incorporated here-in by reference and made a part of this contract. Removal of communal area furnishings from their intended location constitutes theft of College property and appropriate charges (both conduct and financial) will be levied. Repeated failure to abide by established care and cleanliness standards may result in fines, conduct action (suspension/dismissal from campus housing), or both.

8. Damage Billing
The student agrees to be directly and financially responsible for keeping the room and its furnishings clean and free from damage, to cooperate with their roommate(s) in the common protection of property, and to advise a Resident Assistant of any deteriorated conditions of the room or its furnishings. The student agrees to pay charges when assessed for room damages, special housekeeping or maintenance services necessary due to the misuse or abuse of facilities for which the resident is responsible, or to pay an equal portion of charges assessed to all occupants of a room/apartment when those persons fail to assume responsibility for the damages. The College reserves the right to assess the students of a hall and/or complex the expense of the clean-up, repair, or replacement of any property damaged in communal areas used by those residents and their guests, unless the individual(s) responsible for the damage is/are identified. Residents have the right to appeal any damage charges associated with their room assignment upon move-out. A student may not appeal residence hall, complex, or campus wide damage charges but may request community restitution in lieu of fines.

9. Personal Property Loss
The College is not liable for any damage to or loss/theft of any student’s personal property from any cause whatsoever, nor for the failure or interruption of utilities. The College does not carry insurance on the personal property of its students, and students are strongly encouraged to have their personal property covered by individual or family insurance.

10. Inspections of Rooms/Apartments
The College reserves the right to enter and inspect a student’s room/apartment at any time. A student’s room/apartment may be entered by authorized College personnel or authorized agents of the College whenever there is a reasonable cause concerning health, safety, welfare of individual residents, damage assessment and/or repairs, inspection of fire safety violations, to respond to any perceived violations of College regulations or Student Code of Conduct, or for other necessary reasons.

11. Condition of Premises
The student agrees that their housing assignment was inspected and that deficiencies/damages found were noted on a Room Condition Checklist. The student is fully liable for any and all damages occurring in the apartment henceforth.

12. Guests
Guests are permitted as outlined in the Housing and Residence Life Guidelines for Community Living. All guests on-campus must comply with the rules and regulations of the College as noted. Any violations of College policy by a guest will result in conduct action for their hosts. Any violation of the College policy and/or visitation regulations will be subject to conduct action. Cohabitation is not permitted.

13. Pets
Pets are not permitted.

14. College Policies
I understand that I am required to read and adhere to the guidelines outlined in this agreement, Beacon College Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct. I understand that I can jeopardize or forfeit my housing assignment by violating any and all College policies including:

- Alcohol violations.
- Possession, use, or distribution of any drug or drug paraphernalia including but not limited to: marijuana, narcotics, and hallucinogens.
- Abusive behavior, harassment, assault of any kind including physical, verbal, or sexual in nature.
- Intentional or excessive damage, fire violations, or other violations that jeopardize the health and well-being of the community.
- Possession of a firearm.
2014-2015 Housing Application

Resident Profile (required)

Last Name | First Name | Middle
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Permanent Address

City | State | Zip
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Country

Sex:  □ Male  □ Female

Class Year:  □ First Year (includes Transfer)  □ Sophomore  □ Junior  □ Senior

I have already studied at another college or university for:  □ 1 Year  □ 2 Years  □ More than 2 Years

Rooming Preferences (if this section is not completed, the default housing assignment is the first available shared room)

1st Choice Housing Complex:  □ Village Apartments  □ Woodward  □ Market Street Lofts  □ Wedgewood  □ No preference

1st Choice Apartment Type:  □ Private Apartment  □ 2 Bedroom  □ 3 Bedroom  □ No preference

1st Choice Room Type:  □ Private Apartment  □ Small Single  □ Large Single  □ Shared

2nd Choice Housing Complex:  □ Village Apartments  □ Woodward  □ Market Street Lofts  □ Wedgewood  □ No preference

2nd Choice Apartment Type:  □ Private Apartment  □ 2 Bedroom  □ 3 Bedroom  □ No preference

2nd Choice Room Type:  □ Private Apartment  □ Small Single  □ Large Single  □ Shared

Floor:  □ 1st Floor  □ 2nd Floor  □ No Preference

Do you need a room/apartment to accommodate a physical disability:  □ Yes  □ No

If yes, please describe:

*Beds:  □ Twin (75 in)  □ Twin XL (80 in)

*Please note that Twin XL beds are reserved for residents 6’2” or taller. If you have a necessity for a special bed other than that offered, please contact the Housing Office.

Lifestyle Preferences (required): The questions in this section will assist our office with assigning you a roommate who has similar living habits to yours. We cannot guarantee that each response on your questionnaire will exactly match those of your roommate(s).

I prefer to study:  □ Alone  □ With others

I plan to study mostly:  □ In my room  □ In the common room  □ In the Library  □ In the Student Center  □ Other

When I study, I:

□ Require absolute quiet and am easily distracted.
□ Like low background noise (like TV or music)
□ Am able to tune out most noise and am not easily distracted.

In general, I:

□ Follow a schedule and study at the same time each day/week.
□ Don’t follow a schedule or regular study routine.
□ Study mainly near the time of a test or when a project is due.
□ Frequently pull all-nighters in order to prepare for a test or meet a project deadline.
I generally go to bed:
- Before 10 pm
- 10 – 11 pm
- 11 pm – midnight
- Midnight – 1 am
- After 1 am

My preferred time to wake is:
- Before 8 am
- By 10 am
- By Noon

When I sleep, my sensitivity to light and noise is:
- Very light sleeper – awakened by mild noise or light.
- Average sleeper.
- Heavy sleeper – not bothered by noise or light.

My preferred sleeping temperature is:
- 65 degrees or less
- 65-70 degrees
- 70-75 degrees

I like to listen to music:
- As background music or using headphones
- Moderately loud
- Loud

I mostly listen to the following music styles:
- Alternative/Rock
- Blues
- Christian
- Classical
- Country
- Gospel
- Hip-Hop
- Pop
- Rap
- Other

I plan to go home or leave campus:
- Only when required
- For an occasional long weekend
- Every weekend

I anticipate spending my free time:
- Attending campus events and activities
- Participating in student clubs or organizations (like Greek Life or student government)
- Working a job on or off campus
- Other

Smoking is not permitted inside any campus building including campus housing.
- I smoke
- I do not smoke but my roommate can smoke.
- I do not smoke and do not want my roommate to smoke.

Alcohol is not permitted in any campus building, regardless of student age.
- I drink
- I do not drink but my roommate can drink.
- I do not drink and do not want my roommate to drink.

I feel most comfortable when:
- My space is neat and everything is where it belongs.
- My space is clean and everything is usually put away.
- My space is clean but sometimes gets pretty cluttered.
- It doesn’t really matter what it looks like as long as it’s clean.

I prefer to clean my space:
- A little at a time every day
- Once a week
- Only when I have to

Roommate Selection (optional)

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Acknowledgement

Beacon College agrees to provide housing for resident in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in this agreement. Signature on this contract by the student constitutes acceptance. Student affirms the terms and conditions are a binding part of this contract. Student agrees to comply with all other rules of conduct now in effect or any that may be adopted by Beacon College during the period of the contract. As indicated by my signature, all information that I have provided is true and accurate. As indicated by my signature, I acknowledge that all student health and financial obligations to the College must be met prior to housing be assigned or my being issued clearance for check-in/move-in.

Student-Resident Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under age 18)

Date