



ECKERD COLLEGE 2011-2012 Housing Agreement

1. Term of Agreement

The term of this agreement is for the 2011-2012 academic year.

2. Terms and Conditions

The undersigned student agrees to abide by all regulations established by the College and currently in force regarding residence as provided in the EC-Book and shall consider said regulations as part of this agreement. This includes all policies/regulations regarding alcohol and drugs, appliances and electrical outlets, cooking and food preparation, fire and life safety equipment, smoking, keys, quiet hours, vandalism, guest and visitors, etc. The College has a zero tolerance policy for the possession or carrying of firearms.

3. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for student housing, a student must be enrolled as a full-time, undergraduate day degree candidate at the College, and be designated a residential student. All students are required to participate in the College meal plan (except Omega residents). Individual housing eligibility is non-transferable. A resident may not rent, assign, allow, or otherwise permit another person to share a room assignment or occupy a room. The student may only use their room assignment as stated in this agreement. Please note that the College does not provide housing facilities for spouses and children. Once a student takes a College Leave or Withdraws, they must vacate their housing assignment 24 hours after informing the Student Affairs Office. A student who fails to do so will be held liable for any charges incurred after the College Leave or Withdraw date.

4. 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.

5. 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 last final exam at the end of each semester. Fall Graduates must vacate their room by 12 Noon the Friday of exam week. Winter Term Graduates must vacate their room by 12 Noon the Saturday after the last day of Winter Term. Spring Graduates must vacate their room by 12 Noon the Monday following Commencement. Students who fail to move out by their designated time are subject to fines, conduct action, or both. The Director of College Housing 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.

6. Room Assignment/Consolidation

The College does not guarantee specific halls, rooms or roommates and reserves the right to assign or re-assign residents to other rooms and halls in the best interest of the individual resident, the residence community, or to make the most effective and efficient use of available space. Students will be guaranteed a bed, desk, desk chair, closet, and dresser within a room on campus. Students who change rooms without completing the necessary room change forms with the Housing Office 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.

7. Cancellation of the Agreement

This agreement may be cancelled without penalty prior to June 1, 2011 by notifying the Housing Office in writing. After June 1, 2011 a \$500 cancellation fee will be applied to any room cancellation. After June 1, 2011 the contract may be cancelled without charge if:

- The student Withdraws or takes a College Leave from the College.
- The student is enrolled in an Eckerd College program abroad.
- The student submits a Request for Special Consideration for Release from the Housing Agreement to the Housing Office and such Request is granted.

This agreement may be cancelled only in writing by the student whose name appears on this agreement. Electronic mail from your Eckerd College student email account with appropriate signature is permitted. Otherwise, students may be responsible for the 2011-2012 housing costs.

The College may cancel this agreement at any time for any violation of this agreement or for violation of any College policy outlined in the EC-Book. Upon cancellation, the student shall immediately vacate the assigned room. If the student fails to vacate the room on instruction from the College, the College may remove the student and his or her possessions from the room. The student shall immediately vacate the assigned room upon expulsion, dismissal, or suspension from the College.

8. Condition of Room/Communal Areas

Each student is responsible for the care and use of the housing space assigned to him/her, together with its furnishings, along with the common areas to which residence hall 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 residence halls, which are incorporated here-in by reference and made a part of this contract.

9. 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 the resident advisor of any deteriorated conditions of the room or its furnishings. The student agrees to pay charges when assessed for room damages or 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 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. Removal of communal area furnishings from their intended location constitutes theft of College property and appropriate charges (both conduct and financial) will be levied. 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.

10. 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.

