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Campus Housing and Residency Requirement

Lock Haven University is committed to the academic success of all of our students, and we endorse the benefits of on-campus living as a requirement for students. Nationwide, students who live on-campus have better academic success with higher GPAs, higher completion rates of degrees, and have greater satisfaction with their academic experience compared to students who reside off campus.

At Lock Haven University, undergraduate class data proves that students who lived on campus had a 13% higher graduation rate than students who did not live on campus. In fact, students specifically stated living on campus helped them transition to University life and added to their educational experience. Student also said they felt safe living in the residence halls.

Living on campus affords students with opportunities that allow them to connect with others who are different from them as they gain life skills that will assist them in their success throughout their lifetime. Lock Haven University's commitment to the support and success of its students is demonstrated through the paraprofessional and professional staff members who live in the same building with all student residents. These individuals provide support and encouragement to students as well as strive to enforce safety and security measures in the halls.

Lock Haven University has established a one-year residency requirement. Students must reside on campus for their first two (2) regular semesters (summer and winter sessions not included). Students can request an exemption from the residency policy. Approved reasons for exemptions include:

- students who will reside with parent(s) or legal guardian, within the commuting distance of 50 miles from Lock Haven University.
- students over the age of 21.
- students who are married.
- students with children.
- transfer students who have completed a total of 2 regular semesters, including their prior college experience, or 30 credits. (Students who have completed fewer than 2 regular semesters of college, or 30 credits, will be required to live on campus.)

Those seeking an exemption, please log into myHaven and use the Housing & Dining Self Service option. Under applications you will find the Request for Exemption from Housing Requirement.

**This policy has been in existence for many years prior to 2010 with an exact date unknown. We are using 2010 as a default original and/or update date.*

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