



National research shows that freshmen who live in the residence halls tend to experience greater academic and personal success during their college career. Our experience at Valdosta State University has been consistent with these findings. For this reason, VSU requires incoming freshmen to live in the residence halls unless they fall into one of the exempt categories listed below.

Please submit this request thirty (30) days prior to the first class day of the term for which the exemption is requested. Students who apply for exemption after the deadline will be required to pay all fees. You will receive written notification from the Office of Housing and Residence Life stating whether your request for exemption has been approved or denied. Note that exemption is **NOT** automatic.

Please type or Print.

I. Identifying Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____ @ _____

Street Address: _____

Student Identification Number: _____

Street Address: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy format): ____/____/____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please indicate the semester for which the exemption is being requested:

Fall _____
Year

Spring _____
Year

Summer _____
Year

II. Current Status

I have already applied for Housing.

I have NOT applied for Housing.

I have already chosen a meal plan and I would like to **KEEP** it, regardless of the outcome of this request.

I have already chosen a meal plan but I **DO NOT** want to keep it if an exemption is approved.

III. Rationale

I am requesting exemption from the Freshman Residency requirement based upon the following circumstances:

I will be living with and commuting daily from the legal residence of my parent(s), grandparent(s), or legal guardian (legal documents required) within a 50 mile radius of Valdosta. *(Complete the notarized parent certification.)*

I am married. *(Attach a copy of marriage certificate.)*

I am a single parent. *(Attach a copy of birth certificate of children.)*

I will be at least 20 years of age prior to September 30 of the academic year.

I have officially completed two semesters of work beyond high school and have attained sophomore status. *(Please note that the Registrar's records must reflect that you are a sophomore.)*

I have read this Freshman Residency Exemption Form and understand that I am **NOT** automatically exempt from VSU's residency requirement. I understand that written notice will be received whether my request has been approved or denied. I also understand that if I have already signed a contract and am now trying to move out of on-campus housing, this form does **NOT** release me from any amount due or from the contract cancellation process clarified in the termination section of my Residence Hall Contract.

Student's signature

Date

If you are granted an exemption, any Housing refunds you may be due will be processed by the Office of Housing and Residence Life. Likewise, any Meal Plan refunds will be processed by Dining Services.

Please return to:

Office of Housing and Residence Life; Valdosta State University; 1500 N Patterson Street; Valdosta, GA 31698. Phone: (229) 333-5920 Fax: (229) 333-7159

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Exemption: Approved Denied HRL signature _____ Date _____

HRL comments _____