

## **Middle Georgia State University Residency Requirement and Exemption**

National research has shown that students who live in residence halls tend to experience greater academic and personal success during their college experience, therefore Middle Georgia State University has implemented the following policy.

### **Residency Requirement:**

All full-time undergraduate students with less than 60 earned credit hours are required to live on campus and subscribe to the applicable dining services requirement (See Auxiliary Services for specific meal plan/dining services information).

Students may request an exception to the residency requirement based on any of the following exemption criteria:

1. Permanent legal address residing with a parent/guardian using one of the following zip codes: 31003, 31004, 31005, 31008, 31009, 31012, 31013, 31014, 31016, 31017, 31019, 31020, 31022, 31023, 31025, 31028, 31029, 31030, 31031, 31032, 31036, 31044, 31046, 31047, 31050, 31052, 31065, 31066, 31069, 31071, 31075, 31086, 31088, 31091, 31093, 31095, 31098, 31099, 31201, 31202, 31203, 31204, 31205, 31206, 31207, 31208, 31209, 31210, 31211, 31213, 31216, 31217, 31220, 31221, 31294, 31295, 31296, 31297.
  - a. Students that graduate from a high school outside of these areas must submit an exemption request with supporting documentation proving that the parents/guardians have permanently relocated for purposes of employment to one of the above counties. Home School students will not automatically be considered exempt from the requirement.
2. Have attained 60 or more earned hours
3. Are 21 years or older by the first day of classes for semester entering
4. Are active-duty military
5. Have custody of dependent children
6. Are Married
7. Have a documented medical disability with Accessibility Services
8. Are exclusively taking all of their course work fully online
9. Dual enrolled high school student

A student seeking an exemption to the residency requirement must complete an Exemption Request Form via the StarRez Housing portal online and include all required documentation as indicated. Submission of an Exemption Request Form does not guarantee, nor imply, that an exemption will be granted. Students should assume that their request has not been granted until they receive notification of approval via email.

**Students failing to submit a residency requirement Exemption Request Form will be assessed mandatory housing and dining fees.**

Students who choose to reside off-campus without meeting one or more of the aforementioned criteria and receiving the appropriate approval may be held responsible for all room and board costs for the semesters in which they are enrolled without such approval. Students who have not received an approved exemption notification are advised against signing a lease agreement for an off-campus residence. The Office of Housing & Residence Life will not recognize pre-arranged leases when determining the approval of an exemption request.

All requests documenting a specific need related to the Americans with Disabilities Act must be submitted to and reviewed by the Office of Accessibility Services. Request for Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) also must be submitted to and reviewed by the Office of Accessibility Services to obtain approval prior to animals being allowed in a residence hall.