APPLICATION TO WAIVE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

It is the policy of the University to require all undergraduate students to reside in University housing. The full waiver policy can be found in the McKendree Student Handbook under the Student Life section of the University website.

LEGAL GUARDIAN RELEASE

McKendree University strongly believes in the value of the on-campus residential experience as an important educational component for student success. Studies have shown the following regarding students living on campus while attending college earn better grades, build stronger ties to the University, build more meaningful relationships with peers, are generally more satisfied with their college experience, and are more likely to graduate. The quality and depth of the student experience that McKendree University aims to provide are best achieved through on-campus residency.

However, students may waive their requirement to live in University housing by commuting from an once or current legal guardian's permanent legal residence within a 50-mile radius of the University. Students who plan to commute from a legal guardian's residence must provide official documentation of the legal guardian's residency**.** In some cases, proof of legal guardianship may also be required.

- **Official documentation of the legal guardian's residency** can include any items listed under *Group D – Residency* of the Illinois Secretary of State's *Acceptable Identification Documents* for obtaining a driver's license or state ID card. (https://www.ilsos.gov/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_x173.pdf)
- **Proof of guardianship** can include tax documents, such as a 1040 Form, or other documents showing the student is the legal guardian's dependent. Please black out any social security information.
- **Documentation for *short-term legal guardians***, appointed by the legal guardian(s) to act as the student's temporary guardian for a period of up to 365 days, **must** include a copy of the short-term guardianship/custody document required by the legal guardian's state of residency.

By signing this agreement, you, as the legal guardian, understand that

- Your student will be commuting from your permanent residence, which is within a 50-mile radius of McKendree,
- Providing the University with false information could lead to student disciplinary actions, such as restitution, probation, and suspension from the University,
- Should the Application to Waive Residency Requirement be denied and the student chooses to live off campus, the student will be charged the full housing rate, and possible meal plan rate, each semester

Please return this form and any supporting documentation to the Office of Residence Life. Contact info below.

Student's Name	
Legal Guardian's Name	
Legal Guardian's Street Address	
Legal Guardian's City, State, Zip	
Legal Guardian's Phone	
Legal Guardian's Email	

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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