

**PARENTS/GUARDIAN
STATEMENT FOR COMMUTERS**

Western Kentucky University strongly believes in the value of the on-campus residential component of the educational experience for students. Studies have indicated the following regarding students living on campus during their first years of college:

- They earn better grades.
- They develop stronger ties to the University.
- They build more meaningful relationships with peers.
- They are generally more satisfied with their college experience than students who live off-campus.
- They are more likely to graduate.

However, we do recognize that certain considerations need to be made to allow students to commute from the home and primary residence of a parent or legal guardian within a reasonable distance. After completion of the exemption form and including a notarized letter stating that the student will live at home and commute to school, please read, sign, and notarize the following:

- I verify that I am the parent/legal guardian for _____.
(Please print student's name)
- My son/daughter will be residing with me at my permanent home and address.
- I certify that all of the information contained on the exemption form and in any supporting documentation is true and accurate.
- I understand that providing the University with false information could lead to student disciplinary actions such as restitution, probation, suspension from the University and/or other actions.
- If my son/daughter's living situation changes after an approved exemption, I understand that I will notify the Department of Housing and Residence Life of this change and that my son/daughter may then be required to live in the residence halls.
- I further understand that should this commuting request be denied and the student chooses to live off campus, the student will be charged the full housing rate of per semester. Similarly, if the exemption is approved and the student is discovered not to be living at home through any method or for any reason, the student will be charged the appropriate housing rate and may face disciplinary action.
- I understand that requests must be submitted by the first Friday of classes for the semester. If filed after, a \$150 fee will be charged to the student's account only if the exemption is granted.
- Due to frequent false information being provided to the University, periodic audits will take place to monitor that the student is indeed residing at home.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Notary Public

State of _____
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the ____ day of _____, 20__ by _____.

Notary Signature

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My Commission Expires: _____.