FAMILY STUDENT HOUSING (FSH) INFORMATION

FSH is housing intended for students at South Dakota State University (SDSU) that are married and/or have legal dependent(s) that will be continuously living with them while attending SDSU. An applicant’s spouse and/or legal dependent(s) must be present at time of check-in to the apartment unless special permission is granted by the Department of Residential Life. Marriage and spouse is defined by South Dakota State law.

The Department of Residential Life reserves the right to supersede requirements and policies as deemed appropriate.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Be a Currently Enrolled Student: Only currently enrolled students to South Dakota State University (SDSU) may live in FSH. The minimum number of credits a student must be enrolled in is described below. FSH residents may remain in FSH during the summer without being enrolled in summer course work provided they are enrolled for classes for the upcoming fall semester.

Undergraduate Student with Spouse and/or Dependent(s): Student is married and/or has legal dependent(s) that will be living with them in the FSH apartment AND is enrolled in at least twelve (12) credit hours per semester.

Graduate Student with Spouse and/or Dependent(s): Student is married and/or has legal dependent(s) that will be living with them in the FSH apartment AND is enrolled in at least nine (9) credit hours per semester OR if on a doctoral program enrolled in at least seven (7) credit hours per semester. (EXCEPTION: Graduate students who are on assistantships may be enrolled in less credit hours in proportion to the percentage of their assistantship). A graduate student is eligible to continue living in an apartment for only ONE semester with less than the required credit load unless their Advisor or the Graduate Dean verifies requirements for a longer term reduced load.

Documents That Must Be Provided: For residents with spouses, we require a copy of marriage certificate to be turned in and kept on file. This certificate must be in the English language. For residents with dependents, we require a copy of birth certificate or certification of legal guardian to be turned in and kept on file. For International students, a copy of the valid I-20 form for the student and spouse/dependent(s) must be provided.

Single Graduate Student with No Dependents: Student is enrolled in the same credit hours per semester as indicated above for graduate students.

Priority: Students that are married and/or have legal dependent(s) that will be living with them in the FSH apartment have priority over single graduate students with no dependents, regardless of application date.

WAITING LIST POLICY

When an eligible student applies to live in FSH and an apartment is not available, that student is placed on a waiting list. When an apartment becomes available, the waiting list is used to determine the student that is to be offered that apartment based on date of their application. Students with a spouse and/or dependents receive priority over a graduate student with no spouse and/or dependents.

Removal of Applicant’s Name from the Waiting List

The applicant’s name will be removed from the FSH apartment waiting list under the following conditions:

1. When the applicant asks for her/his name to be removed from the waiting list.
2. When the applicant does not respond to correspondence concerning availability of an apartment within the timeframe provided at the time of offer.
3. When the applicant has not informed our office of personal information changes (address, phone number, and/or email).
4. When the applicant refuses the second offer to live in FSH.
5. When the applicant has not initiated correspondence regarding continued interest in a FSH apartment with Residential Life for a period of one year.

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