

Lander University is committed to providing its students with a comprehensive educational experience. By requiring all first-year students to reside in on-campus housing, we are committing ourselves to the growth and development of our students inside and outside the classroom.

POLICY

All first-time freshman students under the age of 21 prior to the first official opening day of the residence halls for the academic year are required to live in Lander University housing for the fall and spring semesters.

DEFINITIONS

A first-time freshman is defined as a student who is entering college for the first time and has less than 30 earned credit hours.

EXEMPTIONS/WAIVERS:

Exemptions/waivers of this requirement may be granted to students who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Students whose home address is within 20 miles of 320 Stanley Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29649 **OR** within Greenwood County **AND** live with one or both parents/legal guardians, a grandparent or a married sibling
- Students who are married or who are parents
- Students who are active military members or veterans
- Students who are experiencing medical/financial hardship
- Students who are first-time freshmen that are 21 or older

Students who meet any of the above criteria may apply for an exemption on the Lander University Housing and Residence Life [website](#). Responses are delivered to the student's Lander University email and generally take 5-10 business days. Please note that additional documentation may be requested for some exemption/waiver requests.

Students who are denied an exemption may appeal the decision by contacting Zach Helms, Director of Housing and Residence Life via email at ehelms@lander.edu where the appeal will go before the Housing Appeals Committee for a final decision.

Please feel free to contact the Lander University Department of Housing and Residence Life at housing@lander.edu or 864-388-8266 with any questions that you may have.