

Thank you for your interest in applying for a residence hall room at Northern Michigan University for the 2009-2010 academic year. Please complete the attached application and return it with a \$125 residence hall advance payment to the Student Services Center – Residence Hall Advance Payment, 2201 Hedgcock, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855. (Completed applications can be dropped off at the Student Services Center located at 2201 Hedgcock – building #9 on the campus map.) Make your check payable to Northern Michigan University with your (student's) name and NMU IN (Northern Michigan University's Student Identification Number) on the check. *This advance payment, which includes a \$50 non-refundable reservation fee, will be applied toward the amount due for your room and board.*

University Housing Requirement All single undergraduate students must live in a University residence hall while enrolled for classes unless they: 1) live at home with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), 2) have lived four or more semesters in a college or university residence hall, 3) have reached junior status (56 or more college credit hours), 4) are 21 years of age or older on or before the last official day of registration for the fall semester, 5) are veterans who qualify for veterans' benefits for active service in the armed forces, or 6) are taking eight or fewer credits.

Any student may apply for an exception to the Housing Requirement, which is a Condition of Enrollment at NMU, for extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control which may prevent him or her from living in a residence hall. Information about the procedure for doing so may be obtained by searching for *Housing Requirement* on the University's website - www.nmu.edu - or by contacting the Housing and Residence Life Office (Office address: 2101 C.B. Hedgcock, Marquette, MI 49855; Phone: 906-227-2622, e-mail: housing@nmu.edu).

Accommodations The Housing and Residence Life Office seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for students with certified disabilities. Information about the procedure for requesting an accommodation may be obtained by searching for the *Accommodations Request Procedure* on the University's website – www.nmu.edu - or by contacting the Disability Services Office (Office address: 2001 C.B. Hedgcock, Marquette, MI 49855; Phone 906-227-1700, e-mail: dso@nmu.edu).

Residence Hall Contract Students are required to sign a Residence Hall Contract when they check-in and, as long as they are enrolled, are obligated to the terms of that contract for the entire academic year, ending with the last day of the winter semester. If a student terminates his or her enrollment, the contract will also be terminated provided he or she follows proper check-out procedures. A student who wishes to terminate his or her contract in order to accomplish one or more academic program requirements out of the area or due to extenuating circumstances, must apply to have his or her contract terminated.

Payment Information In addition to payment in full by the appropriate due date, Northern Michigan University offers two options for the payment of tuition, fees, housing, and dining services charges – the Easy Pay Plan or the Deferral Payment Plan. To read more about these payment options, go to www.nmu.edu/paymentplans. Financial aid in excess of tuition, fees, room and board, and other financial obligations will be returned to the student.

Terms To make it easier for you, we have defined some of our residence hall terms below:

- **House:** One-half of a floor. The house is the most basic level of residence hall community. Each house has its own designation (e.g., academic department affiliated), name, identity, rules and guidelines, goals, student government, activities, etc.
- **Suite:** Most room assignments are to suites – two student rooms (each normally occupied by two students) connected by a shared bathroom. Male and female students are assigned to separate suites.
- **Private Bathroom:** The bathrooms for rooms with a private bathroom are not shared with students from another room. Rooms with private bathrooms may be occupied by one or two students.
- **Two-Person Efficiency Apartment:** Only Spooner Hall has two-person efficiency apartments – a living/cooking/dining area, a bedroom, and a bathroom.
- **Coed by Suite:** Men and women live in separate suites – two rooms connected by a bathroom - in the same house and share a TV, study, and laundry room.
- **Same Gender Houses:** Just men or just women are assigned to all of the rooms in these houses. These houses are not 'coed.'
- **Study Houses/Hall:** These areas are for students who want a relatively quiet atmosphere, especially in the evening and at night.
- **Upperclassmen Areas:** These areas are for students who have already lived in a college or university residence hall for four or more semesters; are juniors, seniors, graduate students; or are at least 21 years old. Students in these areas prefer to live in a more subdued environment with others with common interests and who are looking ahead to life after college. In addition, students in these areas may possess and consume alcohol beverages in their residence hall according to specific guidelines provided they are 21 years of age or older.

Residence Hall Preferences The residence hall application requests a variety of preference information from each applicant. Every effort will be made to accommodate each applicant's preferences when assignments are made, however due to space limitations not all preferences will be accommodated. Please complete the application carefully so it accurately states what you would like us to consider when making your assignment. Fall semester residence hall and roommate assignment information (including name, address, and phone number) will be mailed to each student in late July or early August, in time for roommates to get in contact with one another. Winter semester assignment information will be mailed just before the start of the University's Holiday break (approximately Friday, December 19th).

2009-2010 Dining Service Options and Rate Information All residence hall students are required to be one of the meal plans listed below. The options available to each student depend on his or her hall assignment and his or her class standing. *The rates indicated below are for 2009-10. It is expected that the meal plan rates for the 2010-11 academic year will be established in early May, 2010.*

All Freshman Students Except Those Assigned to Spooner Hall All freshman students assigned to any residence hall, except Spooner Hall, will be required to be on the *Constant Meal Pass*, our most comprehensive meal plan. This meal plan provides the student with ‘all-you-care-to-eat’ access to food served in either the Marketplace (located between Gant, Spalding, Payne, and Halverson Halls) or in the Wildcat Den (located next to West and Spooner Halls) whenever and as frequently as he or she wants from the time it opens until the time it closes, seven days a week. The *Constant Meal Pass* also includes a designated amount of *Dining Dollars* which can be used for purchases in any facility operated by Dining Services. The Constant Pass rate for 2009-10 is \$3,898 (\$1,949/semester) which includes \$166 (\$83/semester) in *Dining Dollars*.

Other Students All other students who have achieved at least sophomore status - earned at least 28 credit hours - may choose from the following options:

1. **Constant Meal Pass** - The Constant Pass rate for 2009-10 is \$3,898 (\$1,949 semester) which includes \$166 (\$83/semester) in *Dining Dollars*, which can be used for purchases in any facility operated by Dining Services.
2. **Any-14 Meal Pass** - Students who select this meal plan may eat any 14 meals they choose per week in either dining room. The Any-14 Meal Pass rate for 2009-10 is \$3,674 (\$1,837/semester) which includes \$222 (\$111/semester) in *Dining Dollars* that can be used for purchases in any facility operated by Dining Services.
3. **Any-8 Meal Pass** - Students who select this meal plan may eat any 8 meals they choose per week in either dining room. The Any-8 Meal Pass rate for 2009-10 is \$2,660 (\$1,330/semester) which includes \$680 (\$340/semester) in *Dining Dollars* that can be used for purchases in any facility operated by Dining Services.

Students Assigned to Spooner Hall Students assigned to Spooner Hall (upperclassman and students over 21 years of age) may choose from any of the meal plans listed above or they may choose the *Spooner Hall Meal Plan*. The rate for the *Spooner Hall Meal Plan* for 2009-10 is \$1,502 (\$751/semester). The entire value of this plan will be on the student’s account for use in any Dining Service facility.

Past Behavior/Criminal Activity Northern Michigan University reserves the right to determine at its discretion that past behavior and/or criminal activity on the part of an applicant for University housing is such that the interests of the University, students, and/or the applicant would be best served if the applicant was not permitted to live on campus.

There are two questions in this regard on the application. A student who answers ‘yes’ to either question must send a full statement of relevant facts with appropriate documentation from either the school or the court that adjudicated the charges to the Housing and Residence Life Service Specialist, 2101 C.B. Hedgcock, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI 49855-5301 no later than 10 days after submitting the housing application and prior to moving into University housing. If any ‘no’ answer changes to ‘yes’ after the application is submitted, but prior to the applicant’s moving into University housing, the student must submit the statement of relevant facts within three days of the event(s) which resulted in the change and prior to moving into University housing. The applicant’s statement and documentation will be handled confidentially.

A student who answers ‘yes’ to either question will not be assigned to University housing until a determination of the applicant’s eligibility is made following a review of the statement and documentation by the Director of Housing and Residence Life or a committee consisting of one representative each from the Housing and Residence Life Office, the Admissions Office, the Dean of Students Office, and the Public Safety and Police Services Office. The student will be notified of the decision in writing. Any false statement in this regard may lead to a rejection of the residence hall application or immediate termination of the student’s residence hall contract.

Canceling Your Application Should your plans change and you will not be living on-campus, you must notify the Housing and Residence Life Office in writing (2101 C.B. Hedgcock, Marquette, MI 49855), or e-mail housing@nmu.edu by August 1, 2009 for the fall semester or January 3, 2010 for the winter semester to receive the \$75 refundable portion of your advance payment. Reservations will be held until 1:00 PM on the first day of classes (Monday, August 24 for the 2009 Fall Semester and Monday, January 11 for the 2010 Winter Semester). Written notification to the Admissions Office of your intent not to enroll will automatically result in cancellation of your room reservation.

Questions If you have questions about the residence halls at NMU, please call the Housing and Residence Life Office (906/227-2871 or 2620) or e-mail housing@nmu.edu and include “Residence Halls” on the subject line.

Information about dining services is available at www.nmu.edu/dining. If you have questions about dining services, please call the Wildcat Express Office (906/227-2645).

Private Bath *If one is available, do you want to be considered for a room with a private bath for an additional charge? ___ Yes ___ No*

All residence halls, except Spooner Hall, contain at least one room that has a private bath – the bathroom is not attached to another room and, therefore, is not shared. Students who request a room with a private bath will be assigned on the basis of date of application (earliest first). The additional charge per student for a room with a private bath for 2009-10 is \$110 per semester for a two-person room and \$784 per semester for a single room. The premium for a room with a private bath for 2010-11 will be established in early May, 2010.

Lifestyle and Personal Preferences All students, including those who request a specific roommate or a single room, are urged to complete this section. Students will be matched to the degree possible with another student based on their answers to the questions included below. Please check the answer to each question that most accurately describes you. It is very important that all students answer the questions as honestly as possible.

- **Are you a smoker?** ___ Yes ___ No Note: Smoking is prohibited in all residence hall rooms and public areas. Although smoking is not permitted in any residence hall student room or public area, the Housing and Residence Life Office will do what can be done to match non-smokers with non-smokers and smokers with smokers when making room assignments for those students who do not have a specifically requested roommate.
- **Do you prefer to go to bed:** ___ relatively early (generally before midnight) or ___ relatively late (generally quite a bit after midnight)?
- **When you are studying are you:** ___ easily distracted, preferring relative quiet or ___ able to ignore background noise or actually prefer to have some background noise (e.g., music)?
- **Do you expect your room to be:** ___ a fairly private place to relax and study or ___ a place where your friends and your roommate's friends come to socialize?
- **Do you prefer a roommate who does not drink alcohol?** ___ Yes ___ No Note: The possession/consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all residence halls except Spooner Hall (which is designated for juniors, seniors, graduate students, and students at least 21 years old).
- **Do you prefer to:** ___ keep your room neat with everything in its place most of the time or ___ not worry about how your room looks letting it get cluttered sometimes or even most of the time?

Single Rooms *If space is available, do you want to be considered for a single room for an additional charge? ___ Yes ___ No*

Note: A limited number of single rooms will be available for 2009-10. If space is available, students who request a single room will be assigned to one on the basis of total cumulative credit hours earned prior to the start of the semester (highest first). The additional charge for a single room is \$565 per semester for 2009-10. The premium for a single room for 2010-11 will be established in May, 2010.

Roommate Preference (Optional) *My preferred roommate is:*

Name: _____ **Roommate's NMU IN:** _____ (Must be included and must be correct #.)

Note: Students wishing to live together as roommates must request each other on this form or in writing to include e-mail (housing@nmu.edu).

Meal Plans All students living on campus are required to be on a meal plan. (See attached application instruction page for additional information.)

Freshman Assigned to Residence Halls Except Spooner Hall All freshman students assigned to any residence hall, except Spooner Hall, must be on the **Constant Meal Pass** (which includes a designated amount for *Dining Dollars*) so freshman applicants do not need to specify a meal plan option on this form.

Other Students Students who have achieved at least sophomore status (have earned at least 28 credit hours) assigned to any residence hall, may choose from the following options:

___ **Constant Meal Pass** includes \$166 in *Dining Dollars*

___ **Any-14 Meal Pass** includes \$222 in *Dining Dollars*

___ **Any-8 Meal Pass** includes \$680 in *Dining Dollars*

Students Assigned to Spooner Hall Students assigned to Spooner Hall may choose any of the options listed above (please √ above) or:

___ **Spooner Hall Meal Plan**

Behavioral/Criminal History

1. **Have you ever been suspended or expelled from any secondary school, college, or university for a semester or more due to inappropriate behavior involving drugs (other than alcohol), theft, violence (assault, assault and battery, criminal sexual conduct, stalking, etc.), arson, threats against people or property, etc.?** ___ Yes ___ No
2. **Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to any criminal offense involving drugs (other than alcohol), theft, violence (assault, assault and battery, criminal sexual conduct, stalking, etc.), arson, threats against people or property, etc., or been found to be delinquent by a juvenile court for any such offense(s), or are there such charges pending against you at this time?** ___ Yes ___ No

If you answered 'yes' to either question, you will not be assigned to University housing until your eligibility is determined. You must send a full statement of relevant facts with appropriate court documentation to the Housing and Residence Life Service Specialist, 2101 C.B. Hedgcock, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI 49855-5301 no later than 10 days after submitting the housing application and prior to moving into University housing. If either of your 'no' answers changes to a 'yes' after you have submitted your application but prior to your moving into University housing, you must submit the statement of relevant facts within three days of the event(s) which resulted in that change prior to your moving into University housing. Your statement and any documentation you provide will be treated confidentially.

By signing this application, I declare that my responses are true and complete and authorize staff from the Housing and Residence Life Office to verify the information as necessary. I understand that any false statement on this application regarding my previous behavior or criminal history can lead to rejection of my application or immediate termination of my residence hall contract. I understand that NMU's acceptance of my application will ensure that I will be assigned to a residence hall room, but, due to space limitations, does not guarantee me the specific preferences I have requested. I also understand that the residence hall contract I sign at check-in is for the entire academic year or from the time of arrival until the end of the winter semester.

Signed _____

Date _____