

Bates College

Contract for Off-Campus Living

Academic Year 2019-2020

This contract serves as a binding agreement between Bates College and the applicant for off-campus residence. By entering into this contract, the applicant agrees to provide their own housing off-campus for the 2019-2020 academic year. **The completion of this contract renders the student ineligible to participate in the March Room Selection and revokes the student's right to guaranteed on-campus housing.** Although some on-campus housing may become available, it is **not** guaranteed that students who have signed this contract will be assigned those spaces.

All students residing off-campus **must maintain a current local street address and phone number** with the Office of Student Affairs. This is as much for security concerns as it is to maintain lines of communication for professors and the other offices of the college.

The rebate for the 2019-2020 academic year is *tentatively* \$4,325 (\$2,162.50 per semester) for housing and \$4,325 (\$2,162.50 per semester) for meals. The Board of Trustees will confirm more definitive numbers in the spring of 2019, but the number will not drop below this. Your rebate will show as a credit on your bill each semester. If you have specific questions, please contact [Student Financial Services](#).

Parking Permits

As per Bates College parking policy, you must register your vehicle with Bates College Security regardless of whether or not you have received a parking permit. In many instances, having this information on file can assist us in resolving issues quickly without unnecessarily involving city or college resources.

Meal Plan Policy

If you are an off-campus student and wish to be removed from the Board Plan, it must be done through the Office of Residence Life and Health Education no later than 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday of classes in September or a late fee will be assessed. If you are an off-campus student and choose to be removed from the Board Plan after the first Friday and before the second Friday of classes, at 4:30 p.m., you will be assessed a fee of \$25.00 per day. This fee applies whether or not you actually ate in Commons for those days. You cannot be removed from the Board Plan after the second Friday of classes after 4:30pm. If you wish to add the Board Plan, you may do so at any time and will be assessed the rate for the entire semester.

Off-Campus Complaint and Disruption Policy

The college maintains a progressive disciplinary response for students residing off-campus whose actions or the actions of their guests prompt a law enforcement agent or Bates Security to respond to the residence as a follow up to a complaint or after observing disruptive or illegal activity. The system has three levels as listed below. Depending on the severity or egregiousness of the incident, the College reserves the right to proceed immediately to a higher level of response.

1. Meeting with the Office of Student Affairs. Formal warning issued to residents.
2. Meeting with the Office of Student Affairs. Second warning issued. Community restitution hours or other requirements issued to those living in the house. Copy of warning letter issued to students' parents.
3. Meeting with the Office of Student Affairs. Referral to the Student Conduct Committee where penalties of probation, suspension and expulsion are considered.

Circumstances that result in warnings being issued include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Police or Bates Security action initiated by a complaint filed by a neighbor who leaves their name.
2. Police or Bates Security action initiated by a complaint filed anonymously, if the law enforcement officer verified to Bates Security that the level of noise coming from the residence was causing a disturbance and/or a summons was issued to a resident of the house or a guest.
3. A law enforcement agency acting independently of any complaint, if a resident or a guest is summonsed by a law enforcement officer for unlawful conduct.
4. In the case of Bates Security acting independently of a complaint, a warning will be issued if the incident report indicates that a resident or guest was causing a disturbance to the surrounding neighborhood or if there is a case of major student misconduct at the off-campus residence.

Code of Student Conduct

The college reserves the right to investigate and discipline alleged misconduct even when it occurs off-campus. The college will usually apply the Code of Student Conduct in instances where the off-campus misconduct:

1. occurs in connection with a college-sponsored event or when students are acting as representatives of the college, or
2. directly affects another member of the Bates community, or
3. poses a potential danger or threat to others.

By signing this application, you are indicating your full understanding of the policies regarding off-campus living as outlined in the Application for Off-Campus living. Disciplinary records will be considered in determining a student's eligibility to live off-campus. Bates College may revoke off-campus status at any time.