

REGULATIONS FOR OFF CAMPUS EXEMPTION

1. Live with a verifiable family member within Natchitoches Parish. A verifiable family member is a parent, grandparent, married brother or sister, or legal guardian.
2. Be classified as a military veteran (documented by Form DD214).
3. Reside in a property owned by the student or student's family (parent, grandparent, married brother or sister, or legal guardian) within Natchitoches Parish. Proof of ownership must be substantiated by notarized statement from owner of property.
4. Have a significant medical problem documented by physician's statement.
5. Have a significant financial hardship documented by statement from parents indicating their contribution to cost of student's university expenses, itemized statement from student indicating funds available for expenses and anticipated expenses, copy of student's university expenses, a copy of parent's W-2 and 1040 filed from preceding year and student's W-2 form for preceding year.
6. Be 21 years of age or older by 14th class day.
7. Have resided on campus for six semesters. Summer will count as a semester if the student has taken at least 6 hours and resided on campus for that summer.
8. Be married, divorced (documented by marriage license or divorce decree) or in guardianship of a dependent child (documented by legal documentation).
9. Be classified as a senior with 90 or more semester hours.
10. Suffer other significant hardships by being required to live on Campus (as documented by parent or guardian, counselor, employer, dean or advisor).
11. Commuter living in a commutable area. Commutable area is defined on the **Off Campus Exemption Form** available online at www.nsula.edu/onecard or in the One Card Office.

Northwestern State University reserves the right to require a student who has been previously approved for an exemption, to re-submit an exemption each year for approval. This exemption will need to be submitted 14 days prior to the start of class in the Fall semester

REGULATIONS FOR THE APPEAL PROCESS FOR EXEMPTIONS

If a student's Application for Off-Campus Residency or Application for Exemption from Campus Dining Services is reviewed by the Auxiliary Services Exemption Committee and the Committee determines that the student failed to meet eligibility based on the selected criteria, the student has the right to appeal in the following manner:

1. Student must submit additional information, documentation, or proof of an extenuating circumstance that was NOT originally submitted to the Committee within ten (10) calendar days of the notification letter of denial from the Committee.
2. Upon review of the additional information, documentation, or proof of an extenuating circumstance by the Assistant Director of Auxiliary Services will forward all new documentation to the committee for review.
3. If the Committee reconsiders the appeal and the outcome is a denial, the student has the right to submit additional information, documentation, or proof of an extenuating circumstance that was NOT submitted with the original application or the appeal to the Assistant Director of Auxiliary Services. The Assistant Director of Auxiliary Services will then refer the appeal to the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students will then evaluate the additional information, documentation, or proof of extenuating circumstance that was not submitted with the original application or the appeal and forward to the Committee for review. The decision of the Committee will then be final.