

**East Stroudsburg University**  
**Residential Life and Housing**  
**Release Application (to Commute)**

ESU values the integral role that living on campus means for students. Students who live on campus, are more engaged in student life, develop meaningful relationships with faculty and staff, have convenient access to campus resources, and experience more success in the classroom. Students living on campus are supported by a team of peer and professional leaders that are trained to guide and assist you on your student life journey.

During your first two years at ESU, you will be a member of our on-campus community, which is designed for your success as student. ESU recognizes that some students may live within the area or have other circumstances that may make them eligible to apply to reside off-campus.

Students eligible to live off-campus must complete a Housing Release through the myESU portal and will be approved based on one of the following criteria:

- Must be 21 or older
- Must have completed 60 credit hours by the start of the entering semester
- Must be married/domestic partnership (documentation required)
- Must be a veteran (verified by the Office of Admissions/Registrar)
- Must live with parents/court appointed guardians in permanent residency within 45 miles of the campus (verified by the Office of Admissions/Registrar)
- Must have Diagnosis of an ongoing health-related issue requiring special living accommodations that University housing cannot reasonably provide (supporting documentation and registration with OASIS is required)
- Must have change in financial status which demonstrates a hardship if the student is required to live on campus (verified by the Office of Financial Aid)
- Must have other extenuating circumstances (a detailed explanation and any associated documentation must be provided)

All Documentation should be submitted to: [housinganddining@esu.edu](mailto:housinganddining@esu.edu)

East Stroudsburg University requires has an established policy that a full-time undergraduate incoming freshman who is not a veteran nor married must live on-campus, unless they are residing with a parent or legal guardian with a zip code within 45 miles from East Stroudsburg. Students who wish to appeal this policy are required to apply for permission to commute daily to campus. Requests to live off campus will not be considered as part of this appeal, only to commute from a parent/guardian's home. This request must be completed by making the "Housing Release Application (to Commute)" in your MyESU portal. Only the information you present below will be used to evaluate your request. You will be notified via email (ESU email) regarding the decision of your request.

**Residency Requirement Exceptions:**

- 60+ earned credits
- 21 years of age or older
- Veteran (additional documentation required)
- Married/Domestic partner (additional documentation required)
- Students with disabilities that cannot be accommodated in on campus housing
- A financial hardship, as evaluated by the Financial Aid department
- Other extenuating circumstances (letter and documentation required)

Submit any additional documentation required to:

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