

The residence hall community is designed programmatically for traditional-age students and the university restricts housing to traditional age students. Traditional age students are defined as students between the ages of 17 and 24. Mars Hill University does not offer housing in the residence halls for families or spouses of students or for students enrolled in the Adult and Graduate Studies program. Priority will be given to students who are 17 years old upon entry and under 21 who fall under the residency requirement.

- Students outside of the specified age range may appeal this policy and request special approval from Student Development and, if approved, be housed based on availability.
- Military personnel who exceed this age range due to service may also apply for housing and, if approved, be housed based on availability.
- Students 21 and over will be given priority for apartments whenever possible.
- Continuing students who fall outside of this range who are currently housed on-campus may continue to apply for housing.

All full-time enrolled traditional aged students with at least 12 credit hours are required to live in University housing and participate in a University meal plan unless they meet one of the following criteria or are excluded by previously stated criteria.

o He/she must reside with a parent or legal guardian at his/her legal permanent address in one of the following counties: Buncombe, Burke, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, Mitchell, McDowell, Transylvania, Yancey, and Unicoi in Tennessee;

o He/she must be legally married and be able to produce a valid marriage certificate;

o He/she must be a single parent with custody of a child under the age of 18 and be able to produce documentation demonstrating this responsibility (through a court order, power of attorney, etc.);

o He/she must be a veteran of more than 180 consecutive days on active military duty;

o He/she must be 21 years of age or older by the first day of the fall semester classes;

o He/she must be of junior status or higher with 60 earned credit hours; or

o He/she must be enrolled in less than 12 credit hours for a semester and considered a part-time student.