NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

2012-2013 HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

Return with a \$250 check or money order to Nicholls State University, Office of Housing & Residence Life, PO Box 2061, Thibodaux, LA 70310 (\$50 non-refundable application fee, \$200 contract and damage security deposit)

Students currently living in Nicholls State University Housing are not required to pay a new deposit.

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Campus housing accommodations are operated on a room and board basis; that is, all students living in campus housing must contract for both services. The Housing and Food Service Contract is for two semesters (fall and spring) or one semester (spring).. Students entering into a contract must live in campus housing for the entire contract period and must pay rates as published.

- 2. The Housing & Food Service Contract is for an available space in campus housing to be determined and assigned by the University. The contract is not for a specific building, room, room type, or roommate. Assignment to a specific building, room, room type, or roommate is not guaranteed.
- 3. The University retains all assignment and reassignment rights. The University reserves the right to make housing assignments and to require assignment changes at any time when considered advisable or necessary by the University. Transfers within or to other rooms or apartments must be approved in advance by the Office of Housing & Residence Life.
- 4. Applications for the Housing and Food Service Contract may be submitted at any time and must be accompanied by a \$250 deposit (\$200 room retention and damage deposit plus a \$50 non-refundable application fee). The deposit is not advance payment of housing or meal fees. A student may cancel this contract and recover the \$200 deposit if written notice of cancellation is received in the Office of Housing & Residence Life no later than the dates below:

Academic Year: July 15 Spring Semester: December 15

These cancellation dates also apply to persons who subsequently do not enroll in University classes. It is solely the responsibility of the student to provide written notification directly to the Office of Housing & Residence Life. Notices submitted to offices other than the Office of Housing & Residence Life will not be recognized and/or honored. Students must claim space by 4:00 p.m. on the day before classes begin. The deposit may be refunded at the end of the contract period less any charges for damage and indebtedness due the University. Occupants are liable for damage to University property.

- 5. Students who register for classes with the university and who do not cancel their Housing and Food Services Contract or obtain a release from said contract prior to the first day of classes will be subject to fees charged for housing and food services. If the student withdraws during the first 14 class days and has not moved into campus housing or used the meal plan, a \$200 cancellation fee will be charged. The student will not be charged for the entire semester's housing and meal plan. The Housing and Food Service Contract deposit will be forfeited. If the student has moved into campus housing or used the meal plan, the student will be charged pro-rate fees for housing and meals since the opening of campus housing for the specific semester/session and charged a \$200 cancellation fee. The Housing and Food Service Contract deposit will be forfeited.
- 6. Payment of the Housing and Food Service Contract must be made in accordance with University policy. Students will be notified of fee payment deadlines when they receive their housing assignment.
- 7. Students must be enrolled on a full-time basis throughout the contract period. Exceptions may be granted by the University on a case-by-case basis. Written requests must be made to the Office of Housing & Residence Life.
- 8. Students who resign or students who remain enrolled but request to cancel campus housing must vacate the premises the day the resignation/cancellation is effective. Students resigning from the university will be subject to the university refund policy (see bulletin). Students who request to cancel campus housing will not receive any refund of fees paid or reduction of charges under the Housing and Food Service Contract.
- 9. Students who are suspended from the University or who are directed to vacate campus housing due to a disciplinary matter must vacate the premises the day the suspension/eviction is effective. Students suspended/evicted will not receive any refund of fees paid or reduction of charges under the Housing and Food Service Contract. The deposit will be forfeited if the student is directed to vacate due to a disciplinary matter.
- 10. All occupants shall permit any authorized agent of the University to enter the room/apartment at all times for any purpose the University deems reasonable. Reasons for entry include, but are not limited to, for the purpose of maintenance, inspecting the facility, preventing waste of utilities, leaving notices, stopping excessive noise, enforcing University rules and regulations, and ensuring the safety, welfare, and comfort of all students and the University.
- 11. Students may not bring furniture, equipment, and appliances into campus housing without special permission from the Office of Housing & Residence Life. Students may not alter or paint furnishings, fixtures, or any part of the unit.
- 12. The University will not grant a refund or credit for housing or food services for any closure period resulting from a campus emergency, including weather, man made emergencies, etc. The intent is for the University to provide students housing and food services necessary to complete the current enrollment semester/session. Adjustments to the University's calendar will be reflected in the housing and food services operations.
- 13. Students are responsible for cleaning and maintaining their housing unit. Students who do not properly maintain their housing unit will be billed for cleaning, repair, or replacement necessary to return the unit to its condition at the beginning of the current contract period. Students are responsible for reporting maintenance/repair problems in a timely manner. Damage to any unit which results from the student's failure to report the maintenance problem in a timely manner will be charged to that student.
- 14. The standard contract does not include payment for room or meals during official University holidays, i.e. Thanksgiving, Mardi Gras, Easter, Spring Break, or days between semesters/sessions. Students who will need housing and meals for breaks which occur during semesters must contract for the Break housing and food services option. Students needing housing over the break between fall and spring semesters should contact the Office of Housing & Residence Life in the La Maison clubhouse. La Maison will remain open during breaks.
- 15. The applicant agrees to abide by the terms of this contract, housing and food service regulations, and the Code of Student Conduct. Violations of any University policy may result in eviction from campus housing. Students suspended from the University or who are evicted from campus housing due to a disciplinary matter will NOT receive a refund or reduction in fees due/paid for housing and food service for the current semester. The \$200 deposit will be forfeited.
- 16. The University may terminate this contract if the applicant: (1) fails to pay housing or other charges when due; (2) fails to be enrolled in the University; and/or (3) fails to comply with the terms of this contract or with residential and/or University policies, procedures, rules, and/or regulations. In the event this contract is terminated by the University, no refund or reduction in fees due/paid for housing and food service will be made for the current semester. The deposit will be forfeited.
- 17. The University shall not be liable to the applicant, or any person claiming through the applicant, for any injury to the person or loss of or damage to property. The University shall not be liable for any damages or losses to person or property caused by other person(s), theft, burglary, assault, vandalism or other crimes, fire, flood, water leaks, rain, hail, ice, snow, smoke, explosions, interruptions of utilities, war, natural phenomena, or acts of God unless same is due to the proven negligence of the University. It is recommended that students obtain renter's insurance.
- 18. The University cannot be used as a storage facility. Any and all items left on University property after the termination of this contract may be handled, removed, and disposed of at the risk and expense of the applicant, and the University shall in no event be responsible for such property. Any items left after a semester's completion will be held for one (1) week and then disposed of. If a student is suffering from a hardship and cannot remove the items, an additional week may be approved by Housing and Residence Life. After this time, all items will be discarded.

The applicant assumes responsibility to become familiar with University rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, including but not limited to those in the Housing & Food Service contract, the Housing & Residence Life Handbook, the University handbook, the University Code of Student Conduct, the University catalog, as well as other published rules, policies, and procedures of the University, and all city, parish, state, and federal laws. The applicant agrees that residents and their guests will comply with all rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of the University.

Building Descriptions

See the housing website for floor plans and amenities: www.nicholls.edu/housing.

Babington Hall - houses men and women in single and double rooms (single rooms assigned on space available basis).

Calecas Hall – houses men and women in single and double rooms (single rooms assigned on space available basis). Offers break housing accommodations. Break periods include Thanksgiving, Mardi Gras, and Easter/Spring Break.

Ellender Hall - houses men and women in single and double rooms (single rooms assigned on space available basis).

Millet Hall - houses men and women in private and semi-private suites.

Scholars Hall – houses men and women in private and semi-private suites.

Zeringue Hall – houses men and women in private and semi-private suites. Offers break housing accommodations. Break periods include Thanksgiving, Mardi Gras, and Easter/Spring Break.

La Maison du Bayou – houses upper class students and is designed to provide more independent living options. Residents must have earned a minimum of thirty credits.

Room Types & Projected Rates*

Residence hall rooms are arranged in suites. Bath and vanity facilities are shared by the residents of the suite. Rooms in Babington, Calecas, and Ellender Halls are designated as either double or single rooms. Rooms in Millet, Scholars, and Zeringue Halls are designated as either semi-private or private.

Double Room (\$1700 per semester) – houses two residents on one side of a suite. A suite may house a minimum of two and a maximum of four residents.

Single Room (\$2425 per semester) – houses one resident on one side of a suite. A suite may house a minimum of two and a maximum of three residents.

Semi-Private Room (\$2750 per semester) – houses one resident on one side of a suite. A wall divides the living space of the suite's occupants. A suite may house a maximum of two residents.

Private Room (\$3000 per semester) – houses one resident on one side of a suite. A lockable door divides the living space of the suite's occupants. A suite may house a maximum of two residents.

4 Bedroom Apartment (\$3250 per semester) – houses four residents in one apartment unit. Each resident has own bedroom and shares a vanity and bath with one other resident.

2 Bedroom Apartment (\$3625 per semester) – houses two residents in one apartment unit. Each resident has own bedroom, vanity, and bath.

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Meal Plan Options & Projected Rates*

All students living on campus are required to have a meal plan. Dining Services offers a total of nineteen meals a week in Galliano Hall: three meals a day, Monday through Friday and two meals a day on Saturday and Sunday. Students have a choice of three meal plans, each with three different tiers which provide a guaranteed number of meals per week. Each of these meal plans includes different amounts of munch money, or declining balance dollars, which are spendable in Dining Services retail establishments. When choosing a meal plan, a student should consider how many meals a day s/he likes to eat and the number of days a week s/he will be dining on campus. Select from meal plans listed below.

Silver Plans (\$1370 per semester)

19 Meal Plan – 7 days a week, \$100 munch money 15 Meal Plan – 7 days a week, \$115 munch money 10 Meal Plan – 5 days a week, \$170 munch money

Platinum Plans (\$1540 per semester)

19 Meal Plan – 7 days a week, \$250 munch money 15 Meal Plan – 7 days a week, \$265 munch money 10 Meal Plan – 5 days a week, \$320 munch money

Gold Plans (\$1455 per semester)

19 Meal Plan – 7 days a week, \$175 munch money 15 Meal Plan – 7 days a week, \$190 munch money 10 Meal Plan – 5 days a week, \$245 munch money

Bronze Plan (\$785 per semester)

5 Meal Plan – 7 days a week, \$195 munch money

Declining Balance Plan (\$475 per semester) \$475 in declining balance

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Building	Room Type	Semester Price with Silver Meal Plan	Semester Price with Gold Meal Plan	Semester Price with Platinum Meal Plan	Semester Price with Bronze Meal Plan**	Semester Price With Declining Balance**
Babington Calecas Ellender	Double	\$3070	\$3155	\$3240	Not Available	Not Available
Babington Calecas Ellender	Single	\$3795	\$3880	\$3965	Not Available	Not Available
Millet Scholars Zeringue	Semi-Private (separate bedroom with no door)	\$4120	\$4205	\$4290	Not Available	Not Available
Millet Scholars Zeringue	Private (separate bedroom with door)	\$4370	\$4455	\$4540	Not Available	Not Available
La Maison	4 Bedroom	\$4620	\$4705	\$4790	\$4035	\$3725
La Maison	2 Bedroom	\$4995	\$5080	\$5165	\$4410	\$4100

Room and Board Projected Costs Per Semester (Fees are subject to change)*

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** The Bronze Meal Plan is available only to La Maison residents who have completed 30+ hours.

** The Declining Balance Meal Plan is available only to La Maison residents who have completed 60+ hours or four semesters of fulltime enrollment.

Break Room and Board Projected Costs Per Semester*

Residents who indicate they must remain on campus during break periods (Thanksgiving, Mardi Gras, Easter, Spring Break), including international students, will be charged break room and board rates. Break housing and meals do not include the period between fall and spring semesters.

Building	Room Type	Semester Price with Silver Meal Plan	Semester Price with Gold Meal Plan	Semester Price with Platinum Meal Plan	Semester Price with Bronze Meal Plan	Semester Price With Declining Balance
Calecas	Double	\$3500	\$3585	\$3670	Not Available	Not Available
Calecas	Single	\$4300	\$4385	\$4470	Not Available	Not Available
Zeringue	Semi-Private	\$4575	\$4660	\$4745	Not Available	Not Available
Zeringue	Private	\$4850	\$4935	\$5020	Not Available	Not Available

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