



RESIDENCE  
& ROOMMATE  
INFORMATION

APPLICATION &  
COMMUNITY LIFE COVENANT

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# HOUSING INSTRUCTIONS

Residential life is an important aspect of the Christian academic community. At Bethel College, your residence hall is much more than just a place to sleep and study. Residential life provides a diverse community where you can develop meaningful relationships, deepen your faith and enlarge your view of the world. It is for educational and developmental reasons that unmarried, full-time students who are under the age of 21 and not living with parents are required to live on campus and participate in the meal plan. Students under 21 who have lived on campus for four semesters may apply to move off campus before their fifth semester. Residential housing preference is given to single students ages 18-24.

## If you plan to live on campus

- Complete the attached Residence and Roommate Information form. Please complete each section— this information helps our staff match you with your future roommate!
- Read and sign the Community Life Covenant.
- Return the form with a \$100 housing deposit (made payable to Bethel College) to the student development office as soon as possible. Our housing has been at capacity for the past several years and it may be necessary to create a housing wait list for incoming students. Room assignments will only be made upon receipt of the \$100 deposit. This deposit will be applied to your residence hall damage account.

Please return all forms by the priority date of **May 1**. Housing assignments are given priority based upon the date(s) the Residence and Roommate Information form and housing deposit are received by the student development office. All housing deposits are refundable up to May 1.

## If you plan to commute to campus

- Complete the Personal Information section
- Read and sign the Community Life Covenant.
- Return the entire form to the student development office as soon as possible.

## MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

All students living on campus are required to purchase a meal plan. Meals are provided in the dining commons, Sufficient Grounds Coffee House and the Acorn. The dining commons offers meals three times each day except on Saturday when a brunch and dinner are provided. Students have the option of three different meal plans: a 10-meal, a 14-meal or a 20-meal plan. Students living in dormitory-style residence halls are required to purchase the 14-meal plan or the 20-meal plan. Upper level students living in facilities that include kitchens may opt for the 10-meal plan.

## RESIDENCE HALLS

Freshman students reside in dormitory-style housing. Males occupy Oakwood-Slater Hall and Manges Hall. Females live in Shupe Hall and Tuckey Hall. Students share a room with either one or two roommates. Each residence hall contains a lobby, lounge and laundry facilities. Room diagrams can be found online at [www.BethelCollege.edu/residence](http://www.BethelCollege.edu/residence).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please return this entire form to:

Office of Student Development  
Bethel College  
1001 Bethel Circle  
Mishawaka, IN 46545

574.807.7440

Fax: 574.257.2688

*StudentLife@BethelCollege.edu*

## RESIDENCE AND ROOMMATE INFORMATION

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

*(Please print)*



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to enter Bethel?  Fall  Spring Year \_\_\_\_\_

What will be your class standing?  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Do you plan to live on campus?  Yes  No

*(If no, please read and sign the Community Life Covenant on the last page and return this entire form. A \$100 room deposit is not required.)*

If yes, what meal plan do you prefer *(see attached information)*  14 Meal  20 Meal

T-shirt size *(for orientation)*  S  M  L  XL  XXL

OFFICE  
USE ONLY

ID#

Deposit

Health records

Room #

### FAMILY INFORMATION

**Father** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Level of education completed \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Level of education completed \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Sibling** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Level of education completed \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Sibling** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Level of education completed \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Sibling** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Level of education completed \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your own chief interests, values and goals and those of your family as you relate to one another.

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### EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High school \_\_\_\_\_ Type of school:  Public  Private  Home school

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Other schools or training courses \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects you like BEST and reason why \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects you like LEAST and reasons why \_\_\_\_\_

What is your proposed major? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel you would accomplish more in your school work if you had:

More time  More of a challenge  Better concentration  A better place to study

What time of day do you prefer to study?  Morning  Afternoon  Evening

What temperature do you like to keep your room? \_\_\_\_\_

### HEALTH INFORMATION

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Eyesight:  Good  Medium  Poor

Sleeping:  Heavy sleeper  Light sleeper

Do you take any prescribed medication?  Yes  No

General health:  Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor

Hearing:  Good  Medium  Poor

How many hours of sleep do you require? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what and why \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any physical or health condition that concerns you or would affect your work as a student. \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESIDENCE AND ROOMMATE INFORMATION

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

Check any that are your hobbies or spare-time activities — then circle the five that are your favorites.

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|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike riding         | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers              | <input type="checkbox"/> Video games             | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrapbooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet            | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping                | <input type="checkbox"/> Church youth activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing or painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking                | <input type="checkbox"/> Dating                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Going to movies        | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts and sewing       | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                | <input type="checkbox"/> Listening to music      | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanics           | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing cards or games | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading                 | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting friends    | <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping               | <input type="checkbox"/> Watching T.V.           |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing             | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer work         | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing guitar          |                                       |

List school, church and community activities in which you have participated during high school.

\_\_\_\_\_

Special awards or honors \_\_\_\_\_

Organizations or clubs to which you belong. List any offices held. \_\_\_\_\_

What extracurricular activities do you plan to participate in at Bethel? \_\_\_\_\_

Topic of conversation you enjoy most \_\_\_\_\_ Reading topic you enjoy most \_\_\_\_\_

Type of music you enjoy most \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your room?  Always Tidy  Usually Tidy  Lived In

List four or five traits that you feel are most characteristic of you. \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of strength \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of weakness (or problems) \_\_\_\_\_

What traits would you like in a roommate? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a roommate preference?  Yes  No Who? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, have you confirmed this arrangement with this person? \_\_\_\_\_ *Disclaimer: While all requests will be considered, not all requests can be honored.*

How did you first learn of Bethel College? \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Are you employed? Summer  Full-time  Part-time  No

During school year  Full-time  Part-time  No

Briefly describe your present job \_\_\_\_\_

What part of your job do you like best? \_\_\_\_\_

What part of your job do you like least? \_\_\_\_\_

List other jobs held \_\_\_\_\_

From-To (Dates)	Title of position	Employer and location
_____ to _____	_____	_____
_____ to _____	_____	_____
_____ to _____	_____	_____

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Church name \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's name \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Please use the space below to express any questions, comments or concerns you may have. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# COMMUNITY LIFE COVENANT

## Expectations and Responsibilities for Community Life at Bethel College

Bethel College is a Christian community committed to academic pursuit and spiritual growth under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We are a people gathered for the development of our members and for the mission of Christ's kingdom in the world, to represent Him individually and collectively. While Bethel students are not obligated to espouse the Christian faith, as members of this community, all voluntarily agree to live in accordance with the values, expectations and goals of the Kingdom of God as expressed in Scripture.

Central to our place in the Kingdom of God is the shaping of our character to resemble Jesus Christ in holiness and purity of mind and heart. The Bible describes character qualities that should and should not be present in believers and among communities of believers. We attempt to evaluate our decisions, behaviors and priorities by Scriptural measures rather than cultural standards, by our submission to the Lordship of Christ, and by love for our neighbor. As members of this community, we covenant to engage actively in the pursuit of personal holiness by obedience to Scriptural teaching.

- We agree that this pursuit will include corporate worship, fellowship and biblical instruction in chapel, participation in spiritual emphasis services and involvement in a local church.
- We agree to express our love for God and others through service, including Bethel community service days, service within the academic curriculum and individual initiative.
- We agree to follow the biblical precepts regarding sexual purity. We will avoid immoral conduct including premarital sex, adultery, homosexual behavior and the viewing or distribution of pornography.

Community life requires agreement on what behaviors will and will not be acceptable. While Scripture is very clear about many behaviors that affect our character, much is left to interpretation. The Christian life conveys great liberty of conscience, but within community it also conveys the need for deference to one another. In our life together, we follow the clear biblical principle of sacrificing personal freedoms for the good of the community. Accordingly, when differences arise, we covenant together to choose the course that requires self-sacrifice and self-discipline.

- Because we believe our minds and bodies should be used in ways that honor God, we agree to abstain from tobacco in any form, alcohol and gatherings where alcohol is present, illegal drugs or narcotics not authorized by a physician.
- Because we value each member of our community as reflecting the Creator, we agree to avoid abusive words and actions including profanity, hazing, threats of violence or discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender or physical trait.
- Because structures of authority are necessary for every community, we agree to respect and honor those in authority over us, even when we might disagree with their decisions. We agree to abide by the policies and procedures set forth in the Student Handbook, Residence Hall Guidelines and the college catalog, respecting these guides as part of our covenanted life together.

In the Bethel community, staff, faculty and other students work together to maintain standards of righteous community life consistent with Scripture. For the good of the community as a whole, we voluntarily submit ourselves to the accountability of others in the community as part of our covenanted life together. If we find ourselves unable to honor this covenant, withdrawal may be in order. We also recognize that appropriate action will be taken to teach, discipline or even dismiss those who disregard this covenanted agreement.

With earnest hope for a community that honors and represents our Lord Jesus, we seek God's plan for life together: "As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God." (Colossians 3:12-17)

Upon signing this Community Life Covenant, we hold ourselves to its precepts while registered as a student at the college.

In agreement with this covenant, I commit to the Bethel College community.

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*Please print name*

*Student I.D. number*

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*Signature*

*Date*

All new students, residential and nonresidential, must return this entire form to:  
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