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PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Please print)

Name ____________________________ Address ____________________________

City ____________________________ State __________ Zip __________

Phone ____________________________ Cell ____________________________ Age ______

Gender ________ D ______ F ______

When do you plan to enter Bethel? ______ Fall ______ Spring ______ Year ______

What will be your class standing? ______ Frosh ______ Sophomore ______ Junior ______ Senior ______

Do you plan to live in campus? ______ Yes ______ No ______ If yes, what meal plan do you prefer? ______

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# step one: new student information

You are required to complete the following information. This information will help us match you with your future roommate!

Please contact the Office of Residence Life at Bethel College to request a housing application and to confirm available housing. The deposit will be applied to your residence hall damage account.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following instructions before completing this application.

1. Please complete all sections of this application.
2. Please make sure your information is accurate.
3. Please submit this application to the Office of Residence Life by the due date.
4. All applications must be received by the due date to be considered for housing.

# step two: personal information

Personal Information

(Please print)

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Gender

Major

Date of birth

Relationship

Occupation

Zip

# step three: financial information

Financial Information

(Check one)

I am interested in participating in a meal plan. I am not interested in participating in a meal plan.

# step four: family information

Family Information

(Please print)

Name

Parent/Guardian

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Relationship

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# step five: educational information

Educational Information

(Please print)

Name

High school

Type of school

Religious affiliation

Parent/Guardian

Address

City

State

Zip

Graduation year

# step six: employment information

Employment Information

(Please print)

Name

Occupation

Type of work

Employer

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

# step seven: church information

Church Information

(Please print)

Name

Church name

City

State

Zip

Phone

Pastor’s name

# step eight: проживание

Living Preferences

What type of room would you prefer to live in?

- Single
- Roommate

- Evening
- Morning

- Light sleeper
- Light sleeper

- Type of music you enjoy

- Watching
- Reading

- Areas of strength

- What is your favorite food?

# step nine: health information

Health Information

(Please print)

Name

Height

Weight

Date of birth

Gender

Marital status

Do you have any physical health conditions that concern you or would affect your work as a student?

- Yes

- No

- Other

- If yes, please describe

# step ten: hobbies

Hobbies

(Please print)

Name

Hobby

- Reading

- Listening to music

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# step eleven: transportation

Transportation

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