

# Steenrod Graduate Residence Hall Housing Information Packet

Office of Graduate Housing c/o Office of Student Affairs 316 Washington Ave. Wheeling, WV 26003 Phone: 304.243.2237 Fax: 304.243.2352 Email: studentaffairs@wheeling.edu The Office of Graduate Housing looks forward to your arrival on campus; we are pleased to highlight our graduate student housing opportunity in Steenrod Hall.

Located just a few blocks from the University, the facility offers a high quality of living at a very affordable price. Each resident in Steenrod will have his or her own bedroom. Three one-bedroom apartments are available, but the majority of the apartments are two bedrooms. Apartments are furnished with a refrigerator, stove, living and bedroom furniture, central air conditioner and internet access. The rent varies for each style of apartment as is outlined below.

2024-2025 Rates				
Apartment Type	Rate per Person per Semester	Rate per Person per Year		
Double	\$3,840	\$7,680		
Single	\$6,960	\$13,920		
Double as a single	\$7,680	\$15,360		

To reserve an apartment, please complete the following:

- 1. Complete and sign the enclosed Housing Contract
- 2. Pay a \$200.<sup>00</sup> deposit:
  - a. \$200.<sup>00</sup> is a damage deposit and will serve as holding your requested reservation for housing.

Send the \$200.00 check or money order payable to Wheeling University, to the Office of

 Graduate Housing, c/o Office of Student Affairs, along with your signed Housing Contact.

When we receive your deposit and completed Housing Contract, we will notify you of your housing status. It is important that you act promptly, because space is limited. Once again, we look forward to your arrival at Wheeling University. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

# STEENROD GRADUATE RESIDENCE HALL

- Originally Steenrod Elementary School from 1924-1995
- In 1997 Wheeling University purchased the building with plans to renovate the 18,400 square foot structure
- In August of 1999, renovations started to transform the school into a modern apartment-style building
- In 2000 Steenrod Graduate Residence Hall opened its doors to students
- Building Features:
  - 3 floors
  - 20 Apartment-style units: 17 two-bedroom and 3 single-bedroom
  - Handicapped accessible building and units
  - Students possess their own bedroom which consists of:
    - bed, nightstand/under desk unit, desk with chair, wardrobe with two drawers, and two dressers with two drawers each
  - Students share:
    - Electric kitchen with refrigerator, stove with oven and ventilation system, cabinetry, and sink
    - Living room with couch, cushioned chair, television stand, coffee table, dining table with two chairs
    - Bathroom with commode, towel racks, shower, and a detached sink, mirror and under sink storage.
  - Automatic fire alarm and sprinkler system with units in each room
  - First floor laundry room with 2 washers, 2 dryers, and utility sink
  - Elevator
  - Convenient parking for 50 vehicles in a well-lit lot
  - 2 main accesses
  - Emergency exits on each floor
  - Heat, air, electric, water, internet, convenient parking, and sewage all included with rent

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#### STEENROD GRADUATE RESIDENCE HALL POLICIES

The University believes that off-campus living provides a balance of challenge and support for our graduate students. Steenrod allows our residents to learn about themselves and others and to take responsibility for themselves and their development.

The role of the Office of Graduate Housing is to contribute to the development of Steenrod residents in a diverse and positive living environment. The interaction between individual students and the community in which they live is a dynamic one. The individual attitudes and actions of students have an impact on the individual and the community. The Office of Graduate Housing seeks to keep these elements in balance.

In keeping this balance, the mission supports the nondiscrimination policy of the University. The Office of Graduate Housing does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, national origin, or physical disabilities in the consideration of housing selection and assignment.

Responsible student behavior is at the heart of the Wheeling University's Graduate Housing program. Residents are expected to respect the property, rights, and sensibilities of all residents. The policies and procedures listed are meant to help insure responsible behavior and respect for fellow students and property.

In addition to reviewing this publication, students who reside in Steenrod should refer to the housing contract for detailed information on the agreement to live in Steenrod. Questions regarding the contract should be directed to the Office of Graduate Housing.

While the Steenrod Policies attempt to include information on most of these regulation and policies, residents of Steenrod Hall need to review the Student Handbook, available through the Office of Student Services.

The following alphabetical listing identifies some of the most common issues and policies regarding Steenrod:

**ALCOHOL:** In accordance with the University's general alcohol policy, alcohol is permitted only in private students' apartments where at least one student of legal drinking age (21 years or older) resides. Students who are of age may not bring alcohol into an apartment where an under age person resides. Under age persons residing or visiting in such apartments are prohibited from consuming or possessing alcohol. Alcohol use in snot permitted in any public area.

Wheeling University is committed to creating and fostering an academic and social environment that fosters growth among its members. The abuse of alcohol threatens the educational and social mission of the University. As a result the following are violations of the Steenrod Policy. Wheeling University personnel will cite all students in violations of the following:

- Alcohol use in a public area.
- Alcohol use by an underage person.
- Alcohol served to an underage person.
- Alcohol abuse by any person.
- Any inappropriate behavior associated with alcohol use (noise, vandalism, etc.)

**APARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS/SELECTION:** Apartment assignments are coordinated by the Office of Graduate Housing. Every attempt is made to accommodate each student's request, but specific requests typically may not be guaranteed. **All residents should expect to be assigned a roommate if he/she does not have one.** 

**APARTMENT CHECK-IN FORM:** On the first day of occupancy, each resident will receive a Check-In/Out Form, completed and signed by the student and the Office of Graduate Housing / Student Affairs. After vacating the apartment, the form will be reviewed. Any damages or missing furniture or fixtures will be charged to the occupant(s). The process is complete when the Office of Graduate Housing / Student Affairs has made a final inspection of the apartment.

**APARTMENT DECORATIONS:** Nails, thumbtacks, tape of any kind, stickers, decals, or any other devices which DAMAGE paint or wood surfaces are not permitted. Posters and other decorations may be hung on the walls, as long as damage to the surface does not result, Command products are recommended. Any partition or hanging materials deemed a fire hazard are strictly prohibited.

**APARTMENT DEPOSITS:** Each resident must deposit \$200.<sup>00</sup> as an apartment reservation fee. If any damage is done to the apartment during the duration of your stay the cost of the replacement or repair will be assessed proportionately among all residents in the apartment, floor, or in the building. These charges will be billed to your student account, failure to pay these charges will result in having your housing assignment revoked, or having your transcripts and/or your diploma held until your account is paid in full.

**APARTMENT ENTRY & SEARCH:** Wheeling University seeks to allow students privacy within their apartments. However, when University personnel have reasonable cause to believe that an apartment is being used for an illegal purpose, or in violation of University rules and regulations, student apartments and personal belongings may be searched by University officials. The University also reserves the right to enter student apartments for maintenance and housekeeping inspection.

**APARTMENT/ROOMMATE CHANGES:** Roommate changes are not automatic. If students find that they have been assigned an incompatible roommate, a discussion with the Office of Graduate Housing is required. The option to relocate may be offered if and when a space is available. Students who are granted the option to move are given a list of other residents with whom they may choose to live.

BICYCLES: Residents must store bikes in their own apartments. Fire regulations prohibit bicycles from being kept in hallways or stairwells.

**BOARD** (meals): Graduate students are offered a meal plan for \$750.<sup>00</sup> per semester that allots 50 meal swipes and \$200.<sup>00</sup> flex spending dollars per semester.

CANDLES/INCENSE: City fire regulations prohibit the burning of candles and incense in Steenrod Hall.

**CARE OF APARTMENTS:** Students are responsible for the cleanliness and care of their apartments. Each student will be accountable for any deterioration of the apartment, or its contents, beyond normal wear and tear. Charges will be assessed for such damages (see DAMAGES).

**DAMAGES:** Students are financially responsible for their individual apartments and for the common areas of the building. Students will be billed (assessed charges) for damages and deterioration beyond normal wear and tear. Each resident must deposit \$200.<sup>00</sup> as a reservation fee. Damages will be billed to the resident's account when damage occurs in a private apartment or in a common area when the individual responsible cannot be determined. The cost of replacement or repair will be assessed proportionately among residents.

**FIRE REGULATIONS:** Wheeling University takes seriously its commitment to prevent fires and the misuse or abuse of fire protection equipment. Students are expected to maintain a responsibility to their floors and living units. Residents should be familiar with their residential unit and aware of the nearest exit and alternative exits. When a fire alarm sounds, please observe the following procedures:

- Close windows, turn off lights and electrical equipment, and close door(s) if time allows.
- DO NOT use elevator during an alarm.
- Walk; do not run, to the nearest exit. If the closes exit is blocked by fire or smoke, find an alternative exit. If smoke is in your exit path get down and as low as possible (crawl).
- After exiting, get well away from the building and follow instructions from the residence staff, security officers, and/or fire department officials.
- DO NOT re-enter the building unless permitted to do so by authorized fire officials.

Tampering with fire prevention equipment is expressly forbidden. If such actions cannot be attributed to an individual(s), those living on that floor will each be charged a \$100.<sup>00</sup> fine and the cost of repairs and/or replacement of the equipment. Deliberate false alarms, which cannot be attributed to a particular individual(s), will result in a fine of up to \$100.<sup>00</sup> to each resident of that floor and the cost of repairs and replacement of the equipment. Failure to exit from a building during an alarm (whether false or otherwise) will result in disciplinary action. If a student does not exit during an alarm he/she will be fined a maximum of \$50.<sup>00</sup>.

**FURNITURE, PERSONAL:** Residents may bring furniture such as chairs, bookcases, etc. Waterbeds are **NOT** permitted. The Office of Graduate Housing may prohibit any personal furnishings considered too large or potentially dangerous (fire hazard, etc.) for the apartment.

**FURNITURE, UNIVERSITY:** Students are **NOT** permitted to remove furniture, furnishings or other equipment from any University facility. Students are not to switch furniture from one apartment to another. Built-in furniture (fixed location) may not be altered or moved from its location within an apartment.

**GUESTS:** Students are limited to have two guests at any time and accept responsibility for the actions of his/her guests, including financial liability should damage occur and for any violation of University regulations. A student may also be subject to judicial action for misconduct by his/her guest. In addition, the maximum length of stay for a guest is 5 nights.

**ILLICIT DRUGS:** Wheeling University **WILL NOT** tolerate possession, use, sale, or distribution of illegal drugs. Students who participate in these illegal activities are subject to severe disciplinary action, including dismissal from the University and potential loss of some federal financial aid, if a recipient of such aid. Students involved in such activities are also subject to local, state, and federal sanctions.

**KEYS:** Keys to Steenrod are the property of Wheeling University. You may neither lend, nor reproduce, keys under any circumstances. Report lost keys immediately to the Office of Graduate Housing. A lost key will require replacement of the key, changing the core and changing the cylinder for the locks involved. The student will be charged for these replacements. In addition, the student will be fined \$100.<sup>00</sup> for a lost apartment key or a lost key to any other University facility. Failure to return keys when a student leaves Steenrod will result in the same fines and replacement costs. Use of any University keys to enter unauthorized areas is a violation of University policy.

LAUNDRY: Coin operated washers and dryers are located on the first floor of Steenrod. Students are responsible for their own laundry, including bed linens and towels. Mechanical failure of laundry equipment should be reported to the Office of Graduate Housing, as soon as possible.

PETS: State health and safety regulations prohibit ALL pets in Steenrod.

**REPAIRS:** All requests for repairs should be given to the Office of Graduate Housing unless the repair is an emergency. The Office of Graduate Housing will complete a maintenance request form and will notify Physical Plant. In an emergency, contact Public Safety at 304-243-2486.

**SINGLE APARTMENT POLICY:** Most apartments are designed for two people. Such arrangements have proven to be convenient and help create a residential living experience desired by the University. Students interested in obtaining a single apartment must complete a "Single Apartment Request", obtained in the Office of Graduate Housing. Single apartments will only be provided if space is available. Students must also agree to pay the single apartment rate. The Office of Graduate Housing does not guarantee to any student a single apartment. However, when space is available, and the student signs a contract to pay a single apartment fee, then single apartments may be made available.

**SMOKING:** Smoking and use of tobacco products are **NOT** permitted in Steenrod Hall; this includes the apartments, hallways, and public areas. Smokers must dispose of their smoking refuse appropriately, at the entrance of the building.

**THEFT:** Report any theft immediately to the Office of Public Safety. The Office of Graduate Housing and the Office of Student Services will also be notified. The University does not assume responsibility for personal property kept at the University. The following suggestions are made to all residents:

- Keep apartment doors and windows locked whenever the apartment is left unoccupied, even for short periods of time.
- Clearly mark all personal items with some form of personal identification.
- Record serial numbers/make of expense items/technology. (Public Safety can keep such records.)

VISITATION: All visitation policies are governed by these principles:

- All occupants of the Steenrod must respect proper conditions for privacy, study, and relaxation.
- The varied needs of individuals for sufficient quiet and sleep are to be honored.

NOTE: In addition to these policies, all students are subject to the Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook

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#### STEENROD GRADUATE RESIDENCE HALL HOUSING CONTRACT

This contract is an agreement between Wheeling University and the individual student. It is for the Period of Contract beginning with the day proceeding the first day of registration, and continuing through the last day of the scheduled examinations. It entitles the student to the use of University accommodations only in such a manner as set forth herein and in Student Regulations, which are a part of the Student Handbook. It does not constitute a commitment of admission to the University. This contract may be terminated only under the conditions specified herein. The University agrees to provide accommodations under the conditions of this agreement and as described in the University Student Handbook.

The Office of Graduate Housing at Wheeling University agrees to provide me with housing for the contractual period stipulated in this contract, in Steenrod Graduate Residence Hall. This includes Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break, Spring Break, and Easter Break.

1. It is my responsibility to read the Steenrod Graduate Residence Hall Policies, University Catalog, Student Handbook and communications from the Office of Graduate Housing in order to be acquainted with the policies and regulations published therein;

**2.** I will not transfer, vacate, or exchange apartments without proper authority from the Office of Graduate Housing. I understand that vacating the assigned apartment prior to the end date of this contract will result in a charge being added to my student account in the amount of the full rent that would be due under this contract.

**3.** I will not remove any furnishings or equipment from the assigned apartment or from any other part of the premises;

**4.** I will not sublet my apartment or otherwise allow any person to stay in my apartment without registering such guests prior to their stay; guests may stay no longer than five consecutive nights;

5. The Office of Graduate Housing reserves the right to make apartment assignments to change a student's apartment when circumstances of housing require it and, in serious cases, to require a student to withdraw completely from the residence hall when such is deemed necessary by the University for the health and well-being of the student and/or University;

**6.** If University authorities have reasonable cause to believe that the apartment is being used for an illegal purpose, or in violation of University policy, the student's apartment and personal belongings may be searched by the University;

7. The University reserves the right to enter the student's apartment for

maintenance and housekeeping inspections;

**8.** I will assume responsibility for cleaning and maintaining order in the apartment according to standards set forth by the University;

**9.** I am responsible for all damage to the apartment furnishings and for property loss; that the costs of repairs and replacements will be charged to the residents of the apartment **9.** The University is not financially responsible for personal possessions lost or stolen from the apartment or storage;

10. I relieve the University from any liability to myself or to guests resulting from property damage or personal injuries sustained in or around the residence hall;11. Should I at any time cease to be duly enrolled as a Wheeling University student, I will vacate the residence halls within three days of the date of withdrawal from the University.

**12.** Each resident may only register one car and must use the parking spaces designated for residents of the residence hall;

13. I assume responsibility for the behavior of guests;

**14.** This Contract may be terminated and I may be required to vacate the apartment if I am more than 30 days delinquent in any housing bill.

**15.** Students must have proper immunization records on file with the Student Health Center to reside in Steenrod.

**16.** Students having to leave Steenrod for an extended period of time (*e.g.*, clinical rotation) must remove all belongings from the apartment, or the resident will be charged the full rent during that time.

**18**. Residents have 3 days to vacate the apartment upon completion of the final semester coursework. Failure to do so will result in the student's rent being prorated.

APARTMENT RATES: I agree to pay one of the following rates and understand that I will be billed at the start of each semester. Double Rate \$7,680 per year

Single standard rate \$13,920 per year Double as Single Rate \$15,360 per year

**APARTMENT RESERVATION/DAMAGE DEPOSIT:** A \$200.00 deposit is required to reserve an apartment. This deposit will be used to reserve an apartment, and is non-refundable. This amount will be credited to the student's account upon occupancy of the apartment.

I hereby agree to accept and retain my housing assignment for the period of **2024-2025**. I recognize this contract, when signed and approved, to be binding for the duration of the contract period, except as otherwise expressly noted and approved in writing by the Office of Graduate Housing or as described by this contract. I agree to abide by all regulations of the residence hall and the University as described in the Steenrod Graduate Residence Hall Policies and the Student Handbook during my terms of tenancy.

Name			Student ID
(Please Print) Last	First	M.I.	
Home Address			Email Address
Cell Phone Number			Birth Date
Emergency Phone Number			Graduate Program:
This agreement entered into on this	_day of	<u>,</u> 20,1	between the Office of Graduate Housing and the above-named studen
This document is legally binding.		By typing	g your name you agree to the above terms of the Steenrod Housing Agreement.
Signature		(Check) Init	itials:
		FOR OFFICE USE	
Apartment Number	Roommate		Date Signed Deposit

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PLEASE <u>PRINT</u> ALL RESPONSES	
Name:	Date of Birth: / /
Home/Permanent Address:	
Phone Number	Emergency Phone Number: ( )
( )	If yes,
Do you have a roommate preference? YESNO	Person's name
Do you smoke? YESNO	Do you mind having a roommate who smokes?
	YESNO
I would prefer:Double Apartment	Do you consider yourself a: Morning Person
Double as a Single Apartment	Evening Person
Single Apartment	What kind of music do you like?
I will take any space available	
I elect the meal plan option for \$750 per semester	I am not interested in the meal plan option Hobbies and Interests:
Email Address:	
Graduate Program:	Date of Move In:
Comments/Concerns:	
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I have read, and I understand, the "Steenrod Graduate Residence" *By typing your name you agree to the above terms of the Steenrod Housing Agr	
Signature	/
Initials: Resident: Please return this to: Office of Graves (Check) C/O Office of State	duate Housing udent Affairs University agton Ave VV 26003