

# Student Apartments & Family Housing Couples Affidavit

## Purpose:

The purpose of the "Couples Affidavit" is to provide couples, who live in a marriage relationship in the social sense, but not in the legal sense, with a means of qualifying for Student Apartments and Family Housing. **It is not intended for roommates or couples who are in anything other than a marriage-like relationship.** The affidavit functions as a substitute for a marriage certificate when determining eligibility for Student Apartments and Family Housing, and qualifying couples will be assigned the same priority status as legally married couples.

## Definition:

A "couple" is defined as two (2) individuals who live together in an intimate, long-term relationship of indefinite duration with an exclusive mutual commitment, in which partners share the necessities of life and agree to be financially responsible for each other's welfare, including living expenses.

## Qualification:

If a marriage certificate cannot be provided, both partners must satisfy **all of the following** conditions 1-4:

- (1.) Be at least eighteen years of age;
- (2.) Are not related by blood closer than would prevent legal marriage in the State of Oregon;
- (3.) Are each other's sole partner and intend to remain so indefinitely; neither is legally married to another person;
- (4.) Must sign a "Couple's Affidavit" and place it on file in the University Housing Office.

## **(A.) A couple must meet at least one of the following conditions:**

- (1.) Be registered with a national, state, or city agency in another part of the world and provide a valid certificate of domestic partnership or marriage license;
- (2.) Have joint ownership of a motor vehicle that can be proven with the vehicle's registration certificate dated back a minimum of one (1) year;
- (3.) Participate in joint banking and have bank statements to prove that they hold either a joint checking, savings, investment, or credit card account dating back a minimum of one (1) year from the date of application;
- (4.) Have a current lease for a residence or have had within the past three years, such as a lease which identified both partners as tenants dating back a minimum of one (1) year from the date of application;
- (5.) Both partners possess a legal and valid trust or will that names the other partner as the main benefactor dating back a minimum of one (1) year from the date of application.

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
(print name) (print name)

Qualify as a couple according to the Student Apartments and Family Housing definition cited above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Verified by \_\_\_\_\_