

# OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

## Financial Aid: Living Off-Campus FAQs

### How would my financial aid be impacted if I move off-campus?

Living off-campus does not affect a student's financial aid eligibility. A standard room and meals amount is used to determine undergraduate students' cost of attendance whether they live on- or off-campus. The amount for 2021/22 is approximately \$16,304. The availability of financial aid for off-campus expenses will depend on the charges to the student's account and the total amount of financial aid available per semester.

### What information should I provide to financial aid to inform them of my housing choice?

The financial aid application process is the same regardless of your housing status. The priority deadline to complete the 2021/22 FAFSA and CSS Profile is April 15, 2021 for returning students. The 2021/22 Financial Aid Notifications (FANs) will be sent throughout the summer beginning in late May. Check your email periodically to ensure no additional information is needed to complete your financial aid decision.

### What expenses do I need to consider for off-campus housing?

Off-campus expenses may include rent, utilities, food, renter's insurance, furnishings, cleaning supplies and transportation. Please keep in mind that you may incur charges for off-campus living prior to the start of the academic year, such as security deposits. It is important to plan accordingly.

### How do I pay for off-campus housing?

If your financial assistance exceeds your tuition and fee charges, then you may utilize your credit balance to pay for off-campus expenses. Refer to the Student Accounts section below for specific details on the refund process.

*Please contact the Office of Financial Aid with questions about your specific financial circumstances.*

## Student Accounts: Living Off-Campus FAQs

### How do I view my billing statement to see if I have a credit balance?

You may view your billing statement through **IRISHPAY**. The fall semester statement is available in mid-July and the spring statement is available in early December. A credit balance is a negative statement balance, shown in parentheses.

### How do I request a refund?

To request a refund, complete the Online Refund Request form through InsideND. Please note that undergraduate students need written permission from the parent if the credit balance results from a Direct Parent PLUS Loan or monthly payment plan contract with Nelnet.

### When can I receive my refund?

Refunds for a given semester cannot be issued until the funds are received and posted to the student's account, the student has completed ND Roll Call, and classes have begun for the program in which the student is enrolled.

### Is there a meal plan option for off-campus students?

Undergraduate students living off-campus and graduate students may choose to purchase meal plans. For information on current rates, please visit the Campus Dining website (<https://dining.nd.edu/>).

*We encourage you to contact the Office of Student Accounts with specific questions related to your account.*

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