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## Fall 2020 Housing Hardship Application

Dear Residential Student,

I want to express my regret and disappointment that we cannot continue to offer all of you who want to live on campus the opportunity to do so. Carolina Housing takes great pride in providing you a home for at least part your Tar Heel journey. The unfortunate reality is the pandemic makes that impossible at this time. Reducing occupancy in our residence halls is a necessary step and a recommendation of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Even as we move in this direction, we recognize that on-campus housing is a necessity for some students and want to help you meet those needs.

In our recent email, we indicated that there would be a review process for students who need to remain on campus, prioritizing the following criteria:

- Students who lack access to safe alternative housing
- Students who lack access to reliable internet
- Students with high-risk family members at home
- Students participating in ROTC or varsity athletics
- International students
- Students involved in academic/research programs that cannot be conducted remotely
- Other compelling needs/hardships

We recognize that students have unique housing challenges and that this pandemic affects students and their families in different ways. The array of these challenges will not always be represented in broad categories. Accordingly, Carolina Housing's invitation to share "other compelling needs/hardships" is intentionally broad. This could include, without limitation, students with significant financial need (e.g., Covenant Scholars or other financial aid recipients), students engaged in clinical placements or other experiential education that cannot be performed remotely, or other unique and significant circumstances that require on-campus accommodations.

If you wish to request to remain on campus for the fall semester, please fill out the "Hardship Application" form located on the "Online Forms/Resources" tab of your [MyHousing Portal](#). There you will be able to select from the options above. Additionally, there is an open text field where you can provide some brief information related to your request. If we need additional information, we will contact you. For students who may have cancelled their housing contract but not yet moved out, you are invited to



complete the review process if you would still like to be considered for remaining on campus. If approved, your housing contract cancellation will be reversed.

In closing, we recognize the unexpected difficulty and stress this entire situation is causing for everyone. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this situation. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact us at 919-962-5401 or via email at [housing@unc.edu](mailto:housing@unc.edu).

Sincerely,

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Executive Director