

## **NON-TRADITIONAL HOUSING ALCOHOL PILOT PROGRAM POLICY AND PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT**

### **Purpose**

This policy sets forth the strict parameters of the non-traditional housing alcohol pilot program (“Program”) at Lindenwood University. It is the goal of this Program to provide an opportunity for students age 21 and older to develop responsible behavior and provide an enhanced experience for students who reside in certain off-campus University housing, are 21 years or older, meet all Program requirements, and agree to comply with the terms of this Program. This Program is strictly controlled and enforced consistent with Lindenwood’s commitment to the safety and well-being of all members of the campus community.

### **Scope**

This Program is for the Spring 2021 Semester only and is available in limited circumstances to limited students as detailed below.

### **Policy**

Students are expected to make healthy choices and behave responsibly concerning the use of alcohol. Lindenwood does not tolerate misuse or reckless consumption of alcohol, whether lawful or unlawful, and its harmful effects and behaviors. Students should understand the physical and behavioral effects of alcohol use and misuse and should avoid the same. Students are expected to do their part to ensure the safety of fellow students and individuals whom they perceive to be engaged in reckless drinking behavior or to be suffering from its consequences. Lindenwood provides educational resources to assure that students understand the effects of alcohol misuse and know how to respond when they perceive others to be engaged in dangerous behavior.

Students of legal drinking age (21 years or older) and residing in a Lindenwood owned non-traditional residence on campus will have the opportunity to possess, consume, and be in the presence of alcohol consistent with the conditions and restrictions of this policy. It is a privilege – and not a right – to participate in this Program and this Program seeks to ensure the safety and well-being of students while allowing for alcohol in limited and controlled settings. All students are responsible for knowing, understanding, and following this policy.

**Program Eligibility:** students must meet the following criteria to be considered for participation in this Program:

- Be age 21 or older;
- Reside in non-traditional campus housing owned by the University with only other University students who are all age 21 or older and who are also participants of the Program;
- Apply for and be approved to participate in this Program with the Student Life Department
- Be in good academic standing;
- Participants must meet in person with Student Life Staff, agree and sign the Program agreement; and

- Participants must complete an on-line Alcohol Education program through Get Inclusive.

**Program Conditions:** the following Program conditions must be followed at all times:

- Participants must comply with all University policies.
- Participants must comply with local, state, and federal laws governing the possession, use, and consumption of alcohol. Under Missouri law, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to purchase or to possess alcohol. It is also illegal for anyone to furnish alcohol to an individual under the age of 21.
- Participants possessing, consuming, or in the presence of alcohol under this Program shall provide upon request by University Officials and/or any law enforcement official a valid photo identification as proof of age.
- Participants, may not permit at their residence, students under the age of 21 to be in the presence of alcohol, to possess alcohol, to store alcohol, or to consume alcohol.
- Individuals under the age of 21 are prohibited from being in the presence of alcohol under this Program, even if they are not consuming alcohol. If an individual under the age of 21 is in a place where alcohol is present, all students present – regardless of age – and the participants will be considered in violation of this Program and other University policies and be subject to sanction(s).
- Alcohol may only be transported to and into a University owned residence by someone who is over 21 years of age.
- Disposal of empty alcohol containers should be done within community expectations regarding recycling and trash disposal.
- "Drinking games" and other activities that promote and/or involve excessive consumption of alcohol in any way are strictly prohibited. Any paraphernalia associated with such activities, including but not limited to "beer pong tables" and "beer funnels," and/or sheets of plywood or rectangular tables decorated in such a way as to indicate a "beer pong" playing surface will be confiscated immediately and disposed of.
- Kegs of beer and associated paraphernalia will be confiscated and not returned.
- Alcoholic beverage containers, packaging, promotional signs, posters and the like are not permitted to be stored, used, displayed, or collected.
- Public intoxication and/or public disturbances, regardless of age, are a violation of the Program.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in public areas of residential communities, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, driveways, porches, backyards, or shared areas adjacent to a residential facility.

**Permitted alcohol amounts:** alcohol amounts beyond what is permitted below is strictly prohibited. Program participants may possess one of each of the following quantities of alcohol at their residence. Possession of packaged alcohol quantities that exceed the below-outlined amounts will constitute a violation of the Program.

- Beer: 72 fluid ounces ("6-pack")
- Wine: 750 milliliters ("traditional" wine bottle size)
- Liquor: 750 milliliters ("traditional" wine bottle size)

**Violations:** any student found to be in violation of the Program Conditions shall be subject to the following sanctions:

First Violation

- \$100 fine
- Must meet with a Student Life Administrator
- Placed on Social Probation;
- Must successfully complete an alcohol education and/or awareness program;
- Other sanction(s) supported by the circumstances, including up to removal from University housing and/or dismissal from the University

Second Violation

- \$150 fine;
- Must meet with a Student Life Administrator
- Removal from current University residence;
- Removal from the Program and loss of privilege to possess or consume alcohol under this Program;
- Other sanction(s) supported by the circumstances, including up to dismissal from the University.

**Reports:** reports of potential violations of the Program and/or this policy should be made to the Student Life Department as soon as possible. Violations of the Program and/or this policy will also be considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Nothing in the Program or this policy should be read to be inconsistent with the University's legal obligations in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

**Agreement:** in consideration for being permitted to voluntarily participate in Lindenwood University's Non-Traditional Housing Alcohol Pilot Program ("Program"), I agree to the following terms and conditions:

- I have received, read, understand, and agree to all information included in the Non-Traditional Housing Alcohol Pilot Program Policy set forth above;
- I agree that my participation in the Program is a privilege that may be revoked at any time without notice at the discretion of the University;
- Lindenwood's priority is the health, safety, and well-being of its students and members of the campus community and I agree to consume alcohol responsibly and to promote responsible alcohol consumption.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the information set forth in this document and that I am electing to participate in the Program subject to these terms and conditions and violations thereof will result in discipline, up to and including removal from University owned housing and/or dismissal from the University.

**SO AGREED:**

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Signature of Student

Date

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Printed Name of Student