

Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Resident Employees and Resident Spouses

Name of Individual: _____ Status [check one]: Employee () Resident Spouse ()

Name of Property: _____ Unit Number: _____

Current Address (if different from above): _____

Personal Commitment: I commit to observe the standards of the CES Honor Code and the BYU-Idaho Dress and Grooming and Apartment Living Standards. I also commit to follow all applicable BYU-Idaho policies, including all housing-specific policies. I understand that I am responsible for assisting in the enforcement of these standards and policies within BYU-Idaho Approved Housing, and I commit to doing so. In fulfilling these commitments, I will strive to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct regarding honor, integrity, morality, and consideration of others, and to be an example to the students who reside in this property. I understand that if I violate any of these commitments I may lose eligibility to reside in BYU-Idaho approved housing, which may also result in the loss of employment for on-site personnel.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Ecclesiastical Leader Instructions

The endorsement interview should be a private, detailed conversation sufficient for you to determine that (1) the individual is meeting their private religious commitments and obligations and (2) that he or she understands and is keeping the commitments they have made to the University. In making this determination, you should ask the individual at least the following questions:

- Will you keep and enforce the standards of the CES Honor Code, and the BYU-Idaho Dress and Grooming and Apartment Living Standards? Do you understand these standards?
- Do you (or will you) live a chaste and virtuous life, including the avoidance of pornography and abstinence from sexual relations outside of marriage?
- Do you (or will you) live the Word of Wisdom by abstaining from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, coffee, tea, and other harmful substances?
- Are you honest and respectful in your interactions with others?

If the individual has recently joined your congregation, or you have little or no knowledge of their church activity and personal conduct, please contact their previous ecclesiastical leader (if any) before completing this endorsement. If the individual is not a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, please ensure they have met with the BYU-Idaho Housing & Student Living Director to discuss the mission, values, and standards of the University before signing this endorsement. *Endorsements are valid for up to one year and must be renewed before the beginning of each new calendar year.*

Ecclesiastical Leader Certification and Endorsement

I certify that I have interviewed the named individual as instructed above, and that, in my considered judgment, they meet the standards of conduct expected of all who live or work in BYU-Idaho Approved Housing. If the individual is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ("the Church"), I also certify that I possess and have reviewed their Church Membership Record and that they regularly attend Church meetings and faithfully fulfill their calling(s) and assignment(s). I am willing to endorse the named individual.

Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title or Office: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Ward & Stake / Faith Institution Name: _____

The Mission of BYU-Idaho

Brigham Young University-Idaho was founded and is supported and guided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Its mission is to develop disciples of Jesus Christ who are leaders in their homes, the Church, and their communities.

The university does this by:

- Building testimonies of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ and fostering its principles in a wholesome academic, cultural, and social environment.
- Providing a high-quality education that prepares students of diverse interests and abilities for lifelong learning and employment.
- Serving as many students as possible within resource constraints.
- Delivering education that is affordable for students and the Church.

BYU-Idaho and the CES Honor Code

Brigham Young University–Idaho (BYU-Idaho) and other Church Educational System institutions exist to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That atmosphere is created and preserved by a community of faculty, administration, staff, and students who voluntarily commit to conduct their lives in accordance with the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ and who strive to maintain the highest standards in their personal conduct regarding honor, integrity, morality, and consideration of others. By accepting appointment, continuing in employment, being admitted, or continuing class enrollment, each member of the BYU-Idaho community personally commits to observe these Honor Code standards approved by the Board of Trustees “at all times and in all things, and in all places” (Mosiah 18:9):

- Be honest.
- Live a chaste and virtuous life, including abstaining from any sexual relations outside a marriage between a man and a woman.
- Respect others, including the avoidance of profane and vulgar language.
- Obey the law and follow campus policies.
- Abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee, vaping, and substance abuse.
- Participate regularly in Church services (required only of Church members).
- Observe BYU-Idaho’s dress and grooming standards.
- Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the Honor Code.

BYU-Idaho Dress and Grooming Standards

The dress and grooming of both men and women should always be modest, neat and clean, and consistent with the dignity adherent to representing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and any of its institutions of higher education. Men and women should be neat and clean and avoid being extreme or inappropriately casual in clothing, hairstyle, and behavior. Immodest clothing is any clothing that is tight, sheer, or revealing in any manner. Pants, slacks, or jeans should not be patched, faded, frayed, or torn and must be ankle length. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles and unnatural colors. Caps or hats should not be worn in buildings. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas. Flip-flops and other casual footwear are inappropriate on campus. Shorts are not appropriate campus attire. Do not disfigure yourself with tattoos or body piercings. Additional specific standards and information can be found at: <https://www.byui.edu/student-honor-office/ces-honor-code#dress-and-grooming-standards>.

BYU-Idaho Apartment Living Standards

BYU-Idaho Apartment Living Standards exist to preserve the integrity of the university and ensure the physical safety and spiritual well-being of each student. The Standards explicitly include the tenets of the Student Honor Code and the principles and guidelines found in [*For the Strength of Youth*](#). Additional detail, as well as specific standards relating to entertainment and media, firearms and weapons, curfew and quiet hours, visitation by the members of the opposite sex, and pets, can be found at: <https://www.byui.edu/housing/student-resources/apartment-living-standards>.