

Meal Plan Exemption: Religious Leader Form

Wheaton College is deeply committed to the full participation of students in all aspects of College life, including the dining experience. As a residential college, Wheaton requires that all students living on campus participate in the meal plan available through the College's Dining Services. Virtually all students' needs can be met through the standard meal plan options. However, students with certain religious practices whose needs cannot be met through this process may request a meal plan exemption.

Wheaton's Dining Services offers a wide variety of dining options capable of accommodating many different dietary needs. **Students are required to meet with the Director of Dining Services and/or Executive Chef first to inquire about all of the dining options before pursuing a meal plan exemption.** Exemptions will not be considered without first meeting with Dining Services. The goal of this process is to provide students with the tools they need to actively manage their dietary needs within the residential dining program. A registered dietician is also available to consult with students as needed.

However, if after consultation and recommended steps, an exemption from the meal plan is requested, information provided by a religious leader outlining the dietary needs must be provided. This religious leader must be an impartial individual who is not a family member.

Student's Name _____ DOB _____

1. Does this student practice a religion that (delete would) requires a specific diet? _____ Yes _____ No

2. If yes, please state this student's religion: _____

3. Is this student currently a member of your church, parish, synagogue, etc.? _____ Yes _____ No

3a. If yes, length of time the individual has been a member: _____

3b. If no, provide information that would support his/her active practice of this religion?

4. Please describe the religious based dietary needs, practices, or requirements of the student:

5. When living in a residence hall, how will this student prepare food to meet both his/her religious and dietary needs (please note that all kitchens and most, if not all, cooking equipment to which a student would have access is shared)?

Religious Leader's Contact Information

Religious Leader's name and title (print)

Religious Leader's signature

Name of Religious Organization/Affiliation

Address: Street, City, State, Zip

Date

Phone

Fax

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM DIRECTLY TO:

Student Health Services

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