

Livability Standards

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Housing Department College Rental Assistance Program is funded under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Under the federal guidelines housing supported by NAHASDA must be safe, clean and habitable. A site visit will be made by SCHD staff to verify the unit is suitable.

Street address of the rental unit: _____

On Campus Housing

University operated Housing will be presumed to be appropriate housing because it is SCHD's understanding post-secondary institutions monitor the livability of their units, SCHD will not require photos of those units.

Off Campus Housing

Students must confirm unit meets the listed livability standards below as well as provide photographs requested so SCHD can confirm the livability of the unit.

Over-all Unit

- All doors and windows allowing access to the unit can be locked.
- There is a safe fire escape route.
- There is reliable heating which is in proper operating condition and which provides adequate heat. Unvented room heaters which burn gas, oil or kerosene are not acceptable.
- Unit must be free of vermin, rodent, or insect infestation.
- Unit must not present any health hazards such as mold.
- No fewer than two electrical outlets should be present and working in the living area, kitchen and bedrooms.
- Ceilings, walls and floors will not have any serious defects, i.e., severe bulging, large holes, missing parts or other serious damage.
- Condition and equipment of interior and exterior stairways, halls, porches, walkways, etc. will not present danger of tripping or falling.
- Smoke Detectors in working condition.

Photographs:

- _____ Entry door with focus on door hardware (door knob, locks)
- _____ Windows with focus on locking hardware
- _____ Smoke detector - location: _____
- _____ Smoke detector - location: _____
- _____ Smoke detector - location: _____
- _____ Heat system (circle one: baseboard, in wall, forced air)

_____ Outside of building: Overall building/Unit

_____ Outside of building: Picture of address

_____ Water heater (if it is accessible)

Bathroom

- Working toilet
- Sink with hot and cold running water
- Shower or tub with hot and cold running water
- Plumbing in good operating condition (no apparent leaks, water present and drains/toilet operational)
- Ceiling or wall light fixture will be present and working.
- Working ceiling fan or operable window to exhaust condensation

Photographs:

Bathroom sink

Under bathroom sink

Toilet

Tub enclosure

Picture of whatever method is used to ventilate bathroom (window or fan)

Kitchen

- Water supply for drinking and washing dishes
- Ceiling or wall light fixture will be present and working

Photographs:

The kitchen sink

Plumbing under the kitchen sink

Inside the refrigerator

Inside of the oven

Bedroom/ Sleeping Room

- One sleeping room or living/sleeping room for each two persons.
- Sleeping rooms will have at least one window which opens and closes.

Photographs:

Window with focus on locking hardware

Bedroom door

Other: _____

Student/Applicant Certification:

Initial One:

- On-Campus Housing
- Off Campus Housing that fully meets the Livability Standards
- Off Campus Housing with an area of concern which *may meet Livability Standards upon further review (see note and photograph).*

Student Signature

Printed name

date