HSU Student Temporary Emergency Housing Program Guidelines

An objective of the HSU Strategic Plan is to create opportunities for students to feel part of the HSU identity and be empowered to create and embrace their personal HSU student experience. In an effort to ensure student support services address the needs of our students and minimize the emotional and financial damage temporary homelessness can cause students, the HSU Basic Needs Task Force has developed a Temporary Emergency Housing Program. It is a collaboration between the HSU CARE Services Program and HSU Housing and Residence Life. The intention is to provide a short-term housing space for students who are without housing or having challenges obtaining housing and pair the student with case management to help them with the process. The Temporary Emergency Housing Program can be available for up to 21 days in the HSU Fall and Spring semesters; and Summer semesters when possible. This program is available for matriculated HSU students experiencing a short-term housing crisis.

- The Temporary Emergency Housing Program is subject to availability and access to the program is at the discretion of HSU CARE Services and HSU Housing and Residence Life.
- Open to enrolled and matriculated HSU undergraduate and graduate students.
- HSU students who qualify and are approved to utilize the Temporary Emergency Housing Program must understand and abide by all existing rules, regulations, and policies of HSU Housing and Residence Life, no exceptions.
- Any HSU student violating the rules, regulations, and/or policies of HSU Housing and Residence Life will be subject to the same conduct investigations as full-time residents.
- In the current standing of these guidelines, the Temporary Emergency Housing Program is limited to individual students; and HSU is not able to accommodate families or animals. Emotional Support Animals and Service Animals will need to be vetted via the already established Housing and Residence Life policy.
- Participants in the Temporary Emergency Housing Program will be required to meet and/or check-in with the HSU CARE Services Program and/or the Off-Campus Housing Coordinator each week of the 21 day period to further develop a plan for improving their housing situation and to further support the students in meeting their basic needs and related accommodations.
- Upon meeting with the HSU CARE Services Program, students may qualify for food access accommodations while they are in the Temporary Emergency Housing Program.
- There is no GPA requirement.
- Upon the start and completion of the Temporary Emergency Housing Program students will be required to complete a survey of their experience.
Student Eligibility:

The HSU student must be currently enrolled at HSU and have exhausted all financial aid options to access housing. The student must be experiencing homelessness as defined by the California State University (CSU) 2018 Study of Student Basic Needs drawn from differing subtitles of the McKinney Vento Act. HSU students that are on housing probation or are not in good judicial standing are not eligible for the Temporary Emergency Housing Program. The student must be able to demonstrate their qualifying extenuating circumstances and supporting documentation or verification is helpful if available. The student must create a housing action plan with HSU CARE Services and/or the Off-Campus Housing Coordinator OR provide verification of an upcoming permanent housing opportunity within 21 days of starting the Temporary Emergency Housing Program.

Application Process:

The matriculated HSU student will meet with HSU CARE Services to establish their eligibility for the Temporary Emergency Housing Program. HSU CARE Services Staff will recommend to HSU Housing and Residence Life any students to be accepted into the Temporary Emergency Housing Program. The student will sign a Housing Short Stay Emergency Housing License Application with HSU Housing and Residence Life.

Once accepted into the program, the student will be required to meet and/or check in with the CARE Services Program and/or the Off-Campus Housing Coordinator each week of the 21 day period to manage their case and assist with establishing permanent housing.