



## **Addendum: Minor Residents in College Housing**

Source: Student Affairs

Form to Complete: Housing Application

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(Minors are defined as students under the age of 17)

The purpose of this Contract addendum is to make certain that all minor students and their parent/guardian have a clear understanding of the implications of having a minor live in housing at the Kansas City Art Institute. It is important that all involved parties have a shared understanding of how KCAI views the presence of minors in the residence hall, and how the staff will approach certain issues, should they arise, in this adult environment. As such, this document must be signed and received by Student Affairs before the minor will be allowed to move on campus.

While college officials will make reasonable efforts to assist a student who falls into this category, it is also important that the student and parents/guardians have a clear understanding that KCAI is a college, and faculty and administrators design its curriculum and programs for adults, and they may contain adult subject matter and themes. The KCAI curriculum will not be altered due to the presence of a minor student enrolled in the college. Further, College employees do not owe a heightened duty of care to minor students enrolled as college students, and will not be acting in the role of parents/guardians to students, nor will they monitor their behavior or view their choices differently than they would those of students who are older.

Secondly, it is KCAI's expectation that students and their parents/guardians have a discussion of the realities and potential risks of living away from home in an adult environment, and that they have determined the student has the maturity to live and function in this setting. We also expect that the student is empowered and capable of making day-to-day academic and life-style decisions and choices on their own. Both the parents/guardians and students understand that the student will be subject to and expected to comply with the same College policies as all other KCAI students.

If the student is an emancipated minor, the minor may sign and submit the Contract and this addendum without the signature of a parent/guardian, but a copy of the court documents that corroborate their emancipated status must be on file with the College.

As the legal guardian, I understand that I am responsible for the housing contract and the terms within until the student becomes 17 years of age.

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Student Name KCAI

Student ID#

Parent/Guardian/Guarantor Name

Parent/Guardian/Guarantor Signature

Date