

# Continuing Student Commitment and Ecclesiastical Endorsement

## To Be Completed by the Continuing Student

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Middle or Maiden BYU-I Number

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Birth Date (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Religious Affiliation:

LDS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## To Be Completed by Current Bishop/Branch President

**The annual endorsement interview should be a private, detailed interview to ensure the continuing student has remained worthy to attend a Church-sponsored institution. Please answer the questions below as they relate to the student's commitment to Student Honor and Church service and participation.**

- A.  Yes  No I have verified that the student lives within my ward boundaries and if LDS, the ward has possession of his or her membership record.
- B.  Yes  No I have thoroughly reviewed with the student all endorsement information contained in the instructions.
- C.  Yes  No The student is striving to follow the standards and expectations of Student Honor which includes the specific standards of the CES Honor Code, the BYU-Idaho Dress and Grooming Standards, the Residential Living Standards, and the Academic Honesty Policy.
- D. Please discuss with the student each of the following questions to determine if his or her conduct is consistent with qualifications for endorsement. **If the answer is "no" to any part of Section D, please discuss the behavior or circumstances further and carefully consider whether the student is eligible for endorsement.**
- If LDS, is the student in full fellowship (without any informal or formal probation, disfellowship or excommunication from, or voluntary disaffiliation from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)?
  - Does the student live a chaste and virtuous life, including avoidance of pornography, abstinence from sexual relations outside of marriage, and abstinence from homosexual conduct?
  - Does the student live the Word of Wisdom by abstaining from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, coffee, tea, and other harmful substances?
  - Does the student demonstrate appropriate and consistent Church activity?
  - Is the student honest?
- E.  Yes  No I endorse this student for continuing enrollment status and Honor Code compliance at a CES school.

**Commitment Review:** Justifications, including "I did not know," do not excuse breaking one's word of honor. If clarification is needed, please contact the Student Honor Office.

I understand Student Honor and commit to live all aspects of Student Honor, both on and off campus and between semesters. I certify that since my last endorsement I have been striving to live a life of honor and will continue to do so.

### Student Endorsee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

I have thoroughly interviewed this student with regard to living Student Honor which includes the specific standards of the CES Honor Code, the Dress and Grooming Standards, the Residential Living Standards, and the Academic Honesty Policy along with the attending his or her meetings, doing his or her duty in the Church, and abiding by the standards of the Church. I give my endorsement.

### Bishop/Branch President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ward/Branch LDS Unit Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stake/Mission

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Telephone

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## Instructions

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**Instructions to the students:** Attendees of Church Education System schools commit to live the ideals and principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ and to maintain the standards of conduct as taught by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. By enrolling, individuals reconfirm their commitment to observe these standards.

**Instructions to the Bishop/Branch President:** Please review in detail the principles of Student Honor with the student. Priesthood leaders are strongly encouraged to counsel with young people regarding their responsibilities as students at Church-sponsored institution of higher education and carefully consider whether the student is eligible for endorsement.

## Purpose

All enrolled and continuing students are required to obtain a Continuing Student Commitment and Ecclesiastical Endorsement. The endorsement fosters communication between students and ecclesiastical leaders and offers bishops an opportunity to review a student's understanding of and commitment to Student Honor, the CES Honor Code, Academic Honesty Policy, Dress and Grooming Standards, and Residential Living Standards. The continuing endorsement must be processed by the Student Honor office before a student may register or participate in any university sponsored program.

## LDS Students

LDS students shall be endorsed by the bishop of the ward in which they reside and has possession of their membership records. If the student has lived in the ward less than one semester, the bishop should contact the student's previous bishop.

## Non LDS Students

Non LDS students shall be endorsed by the bishop of the LDS ward boundaries in which they currently reside.

## Requirements

Whether on or off campus or between semesters, all students are expected to abide by Student Honor, which includes the specific standards of the CES Honor Code, the BYU-Idaho Academic Honesty Policy, the BYU-Idaho Dress and Grooming Standards, and applicable BYU-Idaho Residential Living Standards. LDS students must fulfill their duty in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, attend Church meetings, and abide by the standards of the Church at all times and in all places. Students who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are expected to attend church meetings and participate in services of their preferred religion.

## Withdrawn Ecclesiastical Endorsement

A student's ecclesiastical endorsement may be withdrawn at any time if the ecclesiastical leader determines that the student is no longer eligible for the endorsement. Students without endorsements will be required to withdraw immediately, except in unusual circumstances. The Board of Trustee Policy states that individuals who are excommunicated, disfellowshipped or disaffiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are not eligible to continue as a student.

## Endorsement Form Availability

The Continuing Student Commitment and Ecclesiastical Endorsement may be done online by those students residing in the Rexburg area or by obtaining a form from the Student Honor Office in 270 Kimball Building or online at:

<http://www.byui.edu/StudentHonor/Continuing%20Endorsement.htm>

## BYU-Idaho Student Honor

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Student Honor is following the path of discipleship and learning to be more like Christ—learning to think, to feel, and to act more as He does.

*Living a life of honor:*

- Begins as we learn and live the baseline standards of the Honor Code, understand their purposes, and are true to the promises we have made.
- Continues as we heed promptings of the Spirit to raise our personal bar of righteousness and foster a spirit of integrity, sacrifice, consecration, love, service and willing obedience as students and throughout our lives.
- Prepares our hearts for devoted discipleship in the family, church, work and community.

## CES Honor Code

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Brigham Young University, Brigham Young University–Hawaii, Brigham Young University–Idaho, and LDS Business College 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 through commitment to conduct that reflects those ideals and principles. Members of the faculty, administration, staff, and student body at BYU, BYU–Hawaii, BYU–Idaho, and LDSBC are selected and retained from among individuals who voluntarily live the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Observance of such is a specific condition of employment and admission. Those individuals who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are also expected to maintain the same standards of conduct. All who represent BYU, BYU–Hawaii, BYU–Idaho, and LDSBC are to maintain the highest standards of honor, integrity, morality, and consideration of others in personal behavior. By accepting appointment to the faculty, continuing in employment, or continuing class enrollment, individuals evidence their commitment to observe the Honor Code standards approved by Board of Trustee Policy "at all times. . . and in all places" (Mosiah 18:9).

***"We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous and in doing good to all men.... If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."***

—Thirteenth Article of Faith

As a matter of personal commitment, faculty, administration, staff, and students of Brigham Young University, Brigham Young University–Hawaii, Brigham Young University–Idaho, and LDS Business College seek to demonstrate in daily living, on and off-campus, those moral virtues encompassed in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and will:

- Be honest
- Live a chaste and virtuous life
- Obey the law and all campus policies
- Use clean language
- Respect others
- Abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee, and substance abuse
- Participate regularly in church services
- Observe Dress and Grooming Standards
- Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the Honor Code

Specific policies embodied in the Honor Code include: (1) the Academic Honesty Policy, (2) the Dress and Grooming Standards, (3) the Residential Living Standards, and (4) the Continuing Student Commitment Ecclesiastical Endorsement Requirement.

## BYU-Idaho Dress and Grooming Standards

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The dress and grooming of both men and women should always be modest, neat, 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. Modesty and cleanliness are important values that reflect personal dignity and integrity, through which students, faculty, administration, and staff represent the principles and standards of the Church. Members of the BYU–Idaho community commit themselves to observe these standards which reflect the direction given by Board of Trustee policy and the Church Publication, *For the Strength of Youth*. The Dress and Grooming Standards are as follows:

### For Women

A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained at all times. Clothing is inappropriate when it is sleeveless, strapless, backless, or revealing; has slits above the knee, or is formfitting. Dresses and skirts must be knee length or longer. Pants, slacks or jeans should not be patched, faded, frayed or torn and must be ankle length--no capris or shorts may be worn on campus. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles and unnatural colors. Caps or hats should not be worn in buildings. Excessive ear piercing (more than one pair) and all other body piercing are inappropriate. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas. Flip-flops and other casual footwear are inappropriate on campus.

### For Men

A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained. Pants, slacks, jeans should not be patched, faded, frayed or torn and must be ankle length--no shorts may be worn on campus. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles or colors, and trimmed above the collar leaving the ear uncovered. Caps or hats should not be worn in buildings. Sideburns should not extend below the earlobe or onto the cheek. If worn, mustaches should be neatly trimmed and may not extend beyond or below the corners of the mouth. Men are expected to be clean shaven; beards are not acceptable. Earrings and other body piercing are unacceptable. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas. Flip-flops and other casual footwear are inappropriate on campus.

## **BYU-Idaho Residential Living Standards**

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All single students must live in approved housing unless they live at home with their parents or have received approval through the Housing office to live elsewhere. Variances may be granted by the Housing office for students who live with a relative or local family friend that satisfies the residential living standards. Any variance granted is on a case-by-case basis and does not constitute Brigham Young University–Idaho approval of the location as an approved housing unit. The variance may be withdrawn by the university at any time.

### **Guests**

Because overnight guests often cause interruption and inconvenience to others, all guests should be cleared with the apartment manager. No overnight guests of the opposite sex are permitted at any time. The tenant shall be responsible for any damage, beyond reasonable wear and tear, to the property by the tenant, members of the tenant's family, or guests.

### **Visitation Guidelines**

Men and women may visit in apartments of the opposite sex beginning at noon every day and ending at midnight, except on Friday night when the time is 1 a.m. Visitors need to be in compliance with the following guidelines:

- (a) There should always be at least three people in any apartment being visited by a member of the opposite sex.
- (b) Drapes must be left open during the visit.
- (c) Visitors of the opposite sex are not allowed in bedrooms at any time.
- (d) Visitors must have the approval of the roommates before being allowed in the apartment.

### **Hours**

Students should be in their own apartment by midnight Saturday through Thursday and 1 a.m. on Friday night. When attending university functions that end later than established curfew hours, such as plays, concerts, or temple cleaning assignments, students should be in their apartments within 30 minutes after the event is over.

## **BYU-Idaho Academic Honesty Policy**

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Brigham Young University–Idaho students should be honest in all their dealings with others. They should complete their own work and be evaluated based upon that work. They should avoid academic dishonesty and misconduct in all its forms, including plagiarism, fabrication or falsification, cheating, and other academic misconduct. Students are responsible not only to adhere to the Honor Code requirement to be honest, but also to assist other students in fulfilling their commitment to be honest

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For further information or answers to questions:

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<http://www.byui.edu/StudentHonor/> or e-mail [sho@byui.edu](mailto:sho@byui.edu)