



Honor Board Considerations when Reviewing Member Requests for Relief from Fraternity Housing

When reviewing a member's request to be relieved of the live-in requirement for a chapter facility or designated campus residence hall, Honor Board serves as the decision-making body for the request. The most common reasons for relief seen from members are listed below. The included considerations should serve as a guide for looking at each request through a consistent lens.

ANY MEDICAL REASON

With any medical request, we ask that the member provide a doctor's note with a recommendation from their treating physician that reinforces that living in the facility will negatively impact the member's health. While Honor Board is not a medical review board, it must be consistent in decision-making. Requiring a note from a doctor ensures Honor Board is looking at excuses for recommended medical care.

MENTAL HEALTH

A doctor or therapist's note is required to understand what impact the live-in housing will have on the member's health. Honor Board should see if there are any opportunities the chapter can set up an arrangement (single room, quiet floor, etc.) that would be beneficial for the member. The first step should always be determining if accommodations can be made to ensure that the member can maintain their mental health while living in the facility.

ALLERGIES

Allergy requests may arise when an emotional support animal (ESA) request has been granted to another member of the facility. An ESA should be confined to the room of the owner, so allergens should be somewhat contained. Before granting requests for relief based on allergies, explore all options for separating the member with allergies from their allergens through room assignments or other options within your floor plan.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

If the facility has a chef or catering company, meet with those individuals to see how the restrictions can be accommodated to allow the member to live-in. If there is a situation where the member must cook their own food (particularly if cross-contamination is a concern), this could be an issue if the facility does not have a resident kitchen.