

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT
DINING PLAN EXEMPTION REQUEST

UWSP has a large residential student program and part of the residential experience is the participation in the Dining and Summer Conferences (DSC) meal plan. Students living in the Residence Halls (except Hyer Hall and the Suites) have a contractual obligation to participate in the DSC program. DSC is committed to offering students varied menus that fit their dietary needs. There is a large range of food choices and DSC has resources available to assist in making correct food decisions and is committed to meet the dining needs of all students. Under extremely unusual circumstances, a student may be exempted from the meal plan.

All physical, medical, or psychological conditions are considered to be in the “medical domain” and require the expertise of qualified professionals. Students seeking a food waiver should submit this DINING PLAN EXEMPTION REQUEST form along with required supporting medical documentation provided by a licensed Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Psychiatrist, or Certified Physician Assistant (PA-C). Students submitting a request MUST prove that they cannot receive sufficient nutrition in the dining operations on campus or that the contracted dining plan contributes to the documented condition. It is important that documentation submitted is up-to-date, be as complete as possible, and be relevant to the dining plan exemption request. The statement should include a confirmed and clear diagnosis, relevant medical history, test results that support the diagnosis, course of treatment and a description of the specific foods to be avoided or required. Exemptions are rare and are made solely on documented health conditions that require special diets that cannot be accommodated by dining services. These commonly heard reasons ARE NOT grounds for exceptions:

- I don't like the food.
- The meal schedule does not fit my schedule.
- I am vegetarian or vegan or eat only raw foods
- I cannot afford to be on the meal plan.
- I have more meals than I can use.
- I don't eat all my meals.

The exemption form and ALL documentation must be submitted three weeks prior to the first day of the semester. Requests submitted after that day will be considered for future semesters. **Submission of a form does not guarantee an exemption.** You may be required to meet with the UWSP Health Services Registered Dietician to review the food choices you require. The final decision will be made by the DSC Director.

To seek a dining plan exemption, please complete the following information. All information provided with the waiver request will be kept confidential in accordance with current privacy laws.

NAME: _____ ID # _____ AGE: _____

YEAR IN SCHOOL _____ E-MAIL: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

LOCAL STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

EXEMPTION REQUESTED FOR: ACADEMIC YR _____ FALL ONLY _____ SPRING ONLY _____

DETAILED EXPLANATION FOR REQUEST:

By signing below, I certify that all statements made in this exemption request are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith. I also grant permission for representatives of DSC and Health Services to review documentation for purposes of evaluation applicable to this request.

Signature

Date

**Submit form to: Dining and Summer Conferences, 1015 Reserve Street, Room 240, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or
Dining.and.SC.Office@uwsp.edu**

For office use only:

File sent: _____ Referred to: _____

Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Decision sent: _____

**PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.
INCOMPLETE EXEMPTION REQUESTS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**