

**BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND ENROLLMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE**

CEDAR APARTMENT POLICY

The Cedar Apartments have been established at Bemidji State University to provide an educational opportunity for single parent students. The intent of this facility and program is to provide a supportive environment through the practice of sound management, the sharing of a common community, provision of developmental opportunities, and linking residents to university and community resources. The following conditions must be met by all apartment residents:

1. Be admitted to Bemidji State University as a undergraduate or graduate student in order to be considered for an apartment contract.
2. Be the legal custodian of the minor child or children and have primary care of the child or children at least 50% of the time while they are a resident.
3. Be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits the first semester of their contract.
4. Maintain student status throughout the academic year and complete a minimum of 24 undergraduate or 18 graduate credits in a given year. For this policy, a year is defined as 2 semesters and a summer session. In addition, students must maintain good academic standing with the University (overall GPA of 2.0).
5. Not have children living with him/her who are 18 years of age or older on the first day of occupancy. Only one family unit may reside in an apartment. A family unit is defined as a single parent and his/her minor child/children.

In considering applications for the Cedar Apartments the Assignment Committee will take into consideration the following:

1. Individuals from the state of Minnesota or from states holding tuition reciprocity will be given assignment priority.
2. In an effort to provide transitional housing for new students and to meet the needs of existing students, assignment of contracts will be done in such a way as to approximate half the apartments to be leased to each group.
3. Any special and unique circumstances warranting placement in the apartments, (i.e. the number of children and the size of the apartment requested, unique financial situations, etc.).
4. If the apartments are not filled by using individuals who meet the conditions listed above, the Assignment Committee will consider married couples with children, followed by married couples without children.