

Student Pledge

Student Instructions

Sign below after carefully reading the Code of Honor and Dress & Grooming Standards.

Meet with your ecclesiastical leader and have him or her complete the attached Ecclesiastical Endorsement. Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints should meet with their bishop, branch president, mission president or member of their stake presidency; others may meet with a clergy member of their faith or with the Dean of Students at Southern Virginia University.

CODE OF HONOR

We live honest, chaste, and virtuous lives; abide by the law; and show respect for ourselves and others. Our conduct is consistent with the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It also reflects our core values of scholarship, discipleship, accountability, enthusiasm, and refinement in our quest to become leader-servants. Students commit to keep the rules of the Code of Honor and live by its guidelines for the entire duration of their enrollment at Southern Virginia University.

Honesty

- We do not lie, cheat, plagiarize, or steal.
- We complete our own work and are evaluated based upon that work.
- We encourage others to do the same.

Chastity & Virtue

- As unmarried students we practice sexual abstinence.
- As married students we practice complete fidelity.
- We avoid pornography, media, and entertainment that advocates immorality, profanity, and violence.
- In personal relationships we refrain from excessive public displays of affection.

Obedience to the Law

- We abide by local, state, and federal laws and university policies.
- We pay our debts on time.
- We honor our contracts, and are good neighbors.

Self-respect

- We treat ourselves with respect.
- We abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and other harmful substances.
- We do not use illegal or other harmful drugs, nor do we abuse medications.

Respect for Others

- We show respect for other people, the university and facilities.
- We refrain from behavior and activities that disrupt the safety or peace of others or jeopardize the harmony of the university community.

DRESS & GROOMING STANDARDS

Our dress and grooming should be clean, modest, respectful, and appropriate for the occasion.

I, _____, declare that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Southern Virginia University Code of Honor and Dress & Grooming Standards. With my signature, I authorize my ecclesiastical leader to release information concerning my personal conduct, including information on the Ecclesiastical Endorsement form.

Student Signature

Date



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Ecclesiastical Endorsement

Ecclesiastical Leader Instructions

(For bishop, branch president, mission president, member of stake presidency or other clergy)

Please review the attached Code of Honor and Dress & Grooming Standards with the applicant and interview the student to determine his/her ability and willingness to live the University's standards. Indicate your endorsement of the applicant and sign at the bottom of this page. If there are other personal observations or unique circumstances about this applicant that would help the Admissions Committee in making its decision, please attach an additional statement. Email, fax or mail the completed document to Southern Virginia University (see addresses below).

LEADER INFORMATION

Name	Position/Title
Ecclesiastical Unit	Phone

APPLICANT EVALUATION

I have known the applicant for _____ years and/or _____ months.

The applicant attends worship services: every week twice per month infrequently

The applicant has honorably completed an LDS mission. Yes No
If yes, where did the applicant serve? _____

I have reviewed the Code of Honor and Dress & Grooming Standards with the applicant and he/she is currently abiding by these standards and is committed to do so as a student. Yes No

Does the applicant demonstrate sufficient respect and maturity to succeed in a college environment and to live in harmony with others? Yes No

Is the applicant on probation or parole, or has he/she ever been convicted of any crime other than a traffic violation? Yes No

Does the applicant live a chaste, virtuous and morally clean life, including avoidance of pornography, vulgarity, and sexual relations outside of marriage? Yes No

Does the applicant abstain from and agree to continue to abstain from alcohol, tobacco, coffee, tea, and drug abuse? Yes No

Do you feel the applicant is committed to and will live the Code of Honor on and off campus? Yes No

ENDORSEMENT

I endorse this applicant I endorse this applicant with reservations I do not endorse this applicant

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