

Auctions of Services in Residence Policy

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PREAMBLE

Student leaders in residence, including Residents' Councils, Residence Staff, and Residence Sophs, represent the Division of Housing and Ancillary Services and Western University. As such, they should uphold the integrity of the University community at all times. All student leaders who provide programs are required to do so in such a way that is in keeping with the spirit of a safe, welcoming and accessible environment.

In the spirit of this policy, *auctions* are the selling of services by students or student leaders in order to raise funds for any reason. In such an auction, a student donates a service (e.g. doing laundry, washing a car, cooking dinner) and other students bid on that service.

Over the years, several problems and issues have been raised with auction programs that are not in keeping with philosophies held by the Department of Housing. The dangers of this program include, but are not limited to, compromising student safety; imposing challenges to students concerning accessibility; inappropriate follow through, or no follow through on a service provided; and students feeling compelled to offer a service for auction or to bid on a service. Further, the auction services are difficult to track and difficult to monitor for safety.

POLICY

Auctions of service are not permitted in Residence.

PROCEDURE

All questions regarding the **Auctions of Service in Residence Policy** can be forwarded to the Programming Coordinator in the Office of Residence Education and Programs.