

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE HOUSING FAQ

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMPUS HOUSING:

- Be a full-time registered student with at least 12 credits.
- Pay the non-refundable \$50 application fee.
- Complete the housing application.
- Sign your Residence License Agreement and agree to the rules and regulations of the residence halls.
- Maintain an approved academic, financial, and conduct status throughout the year.

IS HOUSING FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED?

No. And your preferences will not be affected based on when you do the application if you complete by the deadline.

WILL I BE ABLE TO CHOOSE MY ROOMMATE(S)?

Each student is able to choose one roommate as a preference, no matter what room style you receive. Due to the StarRez system, roommates will be selected in pairs.

ARE TRANSFER STUDENTS GUARANTEED HOUSING IN THE SPRING TERM?

Transfer students are not guaranteed housing. All transfer students (regardless of what semester you came to Howard) will be able to fill out the housing application for the first wave through December 9th and the second wave through January 5th. The housing application is currently open. Assignments will be completed via self-selection or manual assignment. Updates will be sent out:

I ALREADY PAID MY HOUSING FEE, BUT NOW MY APPLICATION IS FROZEN - WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Once you have paid the Housing Application Fee, the system will automatically skip past the page. Contact hureslife@howard.edu with the subject "Application Fee Error" should you need assistance.

IF MY ROOMMATE IS FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AT A LATER DATE, CAN I STILL SELECT THEM?



You are able to select your roommate as a request but it will still not be guaranteed. When your roommate fills out their application, they would just need to approve the request.

I'M HAVING A TECHNICAL ISSUE WITH MY APPLICATION—COULD YOU PLEASE HELP?

Please take a screenshot and email HUreslife@howard.edu ONCE. Then, give us 24-72 business hours to respond, and you will receive an email back.

I'M A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT WHO ENTERED IN FALL 2025 AND I'M GUARANTEED HOUSING, BUT I DIDN'T COMPLETE THE APPLICATION. WHAT HAPPENS TO MY ACCOUNT?

All first-time-in-college (FTIC) students and second-year students who entered in Fall 2025 are required to live in University housing. If you do not complete the housing application, you will still be assigned to any available space, which may include both first-year and continuing student residence halls. Housing charges & application fees will be applied to your student account accordingly.

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IS MY REQUEST FOR A ROOM AND/OR ROOMMATE PREFERENCE GUARANTEED?

No. This includes roommate, room type, or building requests. Housing assignments are done either through self-selection or through a random allocation process in StarRez (housing application software). Both assignments must ultimately be confirmed by the Office of Residence Life, and emergencies can happen, which may require reassignment.

WHAT IS THE HOUSING APPLICATION FEE/DEPOSIT?

\$50: the necessary fee to access the housing application. It does not guarantee a housing assignment.

\$500: If you receive notification of a housing assignment, you must pay the this deposit to secure your living space.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY ROOM ASSIGNMENT FOR FALL?

You can expect to receive your official room assignment by late May if you applied by the deadline. Please note that we will be assigning rooms on a rotating basis from the waitlist until all rooms are full. We generally always have availability in August immediately after move in due to non payment of housing deposits, exemptions, non-returners, etc... If you completed the housing application and paid the housing fee/deposit by the deadline, we encourage you to check your Bison email for updates and information. NOTE: The timeline may be adjusted as needed.

CAN I CANCEL HOUSING AFTER I CONFIRM MY ASSIGNMENT?

Students have three days to confirm their housing assignment upon receiving the official notification. After paying the housing deposit, students who wish to leave their housing must undergo a sublicense process by identifying another eligible student without housing to assume their housing license responsibility.

CAN I CANCEL MY HOUSING AT ANY TIME?

You can cancel at any time throughout the school year; however, students with current spring housing assignments may only relinquish housing due to withdrawal, deferral, suspension, graduation, study abroad, or active military status. Students will remain responsible for all charges if they decide to move out of the hall for any other reason. Students may try to locate another student without housing to transfer to their residence hall unit and sublicense. If you find an alternate, please email hureslife@howard.edu with them cc'd to begin the process.

WHAT ARE THE HOUSING OPTIONS?

All options will be listed on the housing application when It Is your assigned time to complete. These are our confirmed options:

- Axis Hall: Co-ed
- College Hall North: All Women
- College Hall South: Majority Freshman Co-ed
- Cook Hall: Freshman Men
- Drew Hall: All First-Time College Men
- Quad Hall: All First-Time College GWomen
- Bethune Annex: Majority Upperclassmen Co-ed
- East & West Towers: Upperclassman Co-ed
- The Lanes, Vie Towers, Clover: Upperclassmen Co-ed