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Application Information

Consider the Following Information as You Apply for University Housing

The Housing & Residential Life Assignment Process – How It Works

Current 2007-2008 Residents

During January-March 2008, current 2007-2008 residents will have the opportunity to express their interest in returning to University Housing by participating in the “Room Reapplication Process.” Information about this process will be placed in resident mailboxes in mid January 2008. Depending on the projections for the 2008-2009 freshman class, space for returning residents may be limited.

Incoming First-Year Freshmen “Housing Guarantee”

To enhance your priority for a room assignment, we recommend that you apply for housing as soon as possible. The priority deadline for Living Learning Communities is March 1, 2008.

Incoming first semester, first-year freshmen and incoming first semester, first-year PSEO (Post-Secondary Enrollment Option) applicants are guaranteed University Housing when all of the following conditions are met:

- Their University Housing application-contract and \$25 non-refundable Housing Application Fee are received or post-marked by May 1, 2008, and
- They have been admitted to the University of Minnesota by May 1, 2008, and
- They have paid the Enrollment Confirmation Fee by May 1, 2008, and
- They accept assignment to any available space (even if it is not one of their preferences or is in the Expanded Housing Program). Typically incoming first-year freshman applying before but closer to the May 1 Housing Guarantee deadline are assigned to Expanded Housing (for Fall 2007 this was the beginning of April).

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Expanded Housing Program Spaces

If you are an incoming first-year freshman or incoming first semester, first-year PSEO applicant, Housing & Residential Life may offer you an Expanded Housing space. The Expanded Housing space is a temporary assignment and could be any one of the following:

- A study room converted to a resident room
- A standard room or apartment that, due to larger square footage, has an increase in capacity (e.g., double to triple occupancy)
- An apartment normally used for visiting guests
- A nearby facility not owned or operated by the University (e.g., a hotel)

Housing & Residential Life offers Expanded Housing spaces in an effort to support the University’s mission for housing first-year freshmen and to support their academic goals. Every attempt is made to equip these spaces with furnishings similar to those in standard residential rooms or apartments. While these rooms/apartments are private, lockable spaces, they may have less drawer/closet/desk space or square footage than standard rooms/apartments.

If you are offered an Expanded Housing space, you may refuse it at the time of initial notification and ask to be placed on the Waiting List (page 16). We cannot guarantee, however, that you will then be assigned a standard room/apartment in University Housing during the 2008-2009 academic year. Residents living in the Expanded Housing Program spaces have first priority for standard room/apartment spaces that



How is my application processed?

Applicants will be assigned in July 2008 in the following order:

- 1** Applicants who have indicated a desire to live in a Living Learning Community and meet the qualifications for that community are assigned based on the date their complete University Housing application-contract is received as long as space remains available in their desired Living Learning Community.
- 2** All remaining guaranteed applicants, including those not assigned in number “1” above, will be assigned in order based upon the date their complete University Housing application-contract is received. A complete application includes a \$25 payment.
- 3** Incoming first semester, first-year freshmen and incoming first semester, first-year PSEO students whose University Housing application-contract is post-marked after May 1, 2008, are assigned in the date order that their complete University Housing application-contract is received as long as space remains available.
- 4** All other University Housing applicants (current students, transfer students, graduate students) are assigned in the order their complete University Housing application-contract is received as long as space remains available. For the Fall 2007 semester we were able to assign very limited space in this category.

**Depending on occupancy and demand, Housing & Residential Life reserves the right to alter the assignment process as it relates to assigning students to apartment spaces.*

APPLICATION INFORMATION



Can I room with my best friend?

Requests for specific roommates are considered only if the request is for a person of the same gender and the request is mutual. While not guaranteed, Housing & Residential Life will make every effort to honor these requests.

become available. You may also cancel your application-contract and receive a refund of your Housing Advance Payment by canceling within 7 days of receiving your assignment or 7 days prior to move-in depending on which comes first.

If you accept an Expanded Housing space, we will make every effort to place you in a standard room or apartment by the beginning of spring semester.

Note: Residents living in Expanded Housing spaces must move to a standard room or apartment when the space is offered. Housing & Residential Life realizes that residents may have become comfortable

in their temporary space, however, we are committed to returning the Expanded Housing study rooms to their intended use.

Waiting List

It is possible that all University Housing spaces may be filled when your application is received. If so, you will be placed on one of the following Waiting Lists:

Priority Waiting List - For incoming first-year freshmen or PSEO students applying for University Housing and/or accepted for admission to the University after the May 1, 2008, deadline for guaranteed housing.

General Waiting List - For all other applicants. Position on these lists will be determined by the date the completed housing application, including \$25 payment, is received in the Housing & Residential Life office (by mail or online submission). Notification will be provided concerning applicant's placement on these lists by July 2008. Note: It is important to keep the University of Minnesota informed of your current mailing addresses, phone number and email while you are on a Waiting List.

If, while on a Waiting List, you choose not to accept the first space that is offered, you have one of the following options:

- You may cancel your application-contract, realizing that your \$25 payment is non-refundable.
- Your application-contract can be transferred to the next semester's Waiting List within the 2008-2009 academic year, and your original Application Complete Date will determine your position on that list. No guarantee can be made for further assignment. Should you decline any subsequent offer during the 2008-2009 academic year, your application-contract will be cancelled.

As you fill out your application-contract, pay particular attention to the following:

Individual Information – You must include:

- Your full name
- University of Minnesota Student ID Number (a seven digit number from Admissions, remember not to share this number with anyone)
- Internet ID – you can activate that account at www.umn.edu/initiate (you will need your Student ID for this)
- Gender- (the online default is male -be sure to adjust if applicable)

Application Period – choose the one that best fits your situation:

- 2008-2009 New Resident (beginning in September)
- 2009 Spring Only (beginning in January)
- 2009 Summer (beginning in May)

Roommate Requests

Requests for specific roommates are considered only if the request is for a person of the same gender and the request is mutual. While not guaranteed, Housing & Residential Life will make every effort to honor these requests. Your chances of being assigned to the same room/apartment will be greatly enhanced if both applicants are incoming first-year freshmen or PSEO students applying for University Housing by March 1, 2008. In order to request a specific preferred roommate, you must enter their Internet ID on your application.

Roommate Matching Questions

If you are not requesting a specific roommate, use the six questions on the application as a guide. The questions are meant to enhance your potential roommate assignment, not a guarantee of compatibility with your assigned roommate.

Things to Consider Before Signing Your Contract

Alcohol Policy

The possession/consumption of alcohol is prohibited for all residents who are under the age of 21, regardless of hall/apartment assignment. The possession or use of alcohol is permitted in Centennial Hall, Yudof Hall, Wilkins Hall, and University Village ONLY by residents who are 21 years of age or older. Possession/consumption or being in the presence of alcoholic beverages is not permitted by any individuals in Bailey Hall,

Comstock Hall, Frontier Hall, Middlebrook Hall, Pioneer Hall, Sanford Hall, or Territorial Hall, even if such persons are 21 years or older (see page 44).

Smoking is not permitted in any of the residence halls/apartment complexes.

Disability

If you are a person with a disability that may require special housing considerations, please contact Disability Services at 612-626-1333 as soon as possible and no later than May 1, 2008.

Transgender Housing

Choosing where to live is an important decision and University housing staff are committed to assisting you decide if our housing options will work for you. To discuss transgender housing options please contact Susan Stubblefield, Assistant Director of Residential Life at 612-626-5897.

Special Dietary Needs

If you follow a special diet, whether by choice or medical necessity, be sure to discuss this matter with your hall Food Service manager to explore the food selection options available to you and assist you with getting the nutritional support you need. We can refer you to our health service, where a dietician can assist you with your dietary concerns. You will not be granted a release from your contract nor will you be released from the meal plan requirement for dietary reasons.

Instructions for Applying to Live in University Housing

Via the Internet – You can apply via the Internet at www.housing.umn.edu/applying. This is the recommended method of application.

In order to apply online you must:

- Have a printer to which you can print your application summary.

Season tickets are available for all sports at www.gophersports.com





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- Know your Internet ID and password or initiate it online at www.umn.edu/initiate
- Have a valid credit card to charge the \$25 non-refundable Housing Application Fee. Payment is required to make your application complete.

By Mail – Complete and sign the application-contract located in the center of this booklet and send it, along with the \$25 non-refundable Application Fee (total = \$25 U.S. dollars), directly to Housing & Residential Life at:
Housing & Residential Life
Contracts, Assignments, & Billing
Comstock Hall-East
210 Delaware St. S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455-0307

Application-contracts that are incomplete, incorrect, unsigned, or not accompanied by a \$25 non-refundable Application Fee will not be considered for assignment. To make sure

that your application is processed in a timely manner, please write your U of M Student ID number (that you received when applying for admission) on your check or money order.

Off-Campus Housing Resources

Housing & Residential Life maintains a web-based service to assist students who wish to live off campus. This service includes extensive listings of available rental units in apartment buildings, houses, duplexes, townhouses, and rooming houses. The rental housing is owned and operated by private individuals and corporations. It is not owned, operated, inspected, or endorsed by the University. The listings of available rental units may be accessed and viewed at www.housing.umn.edu/offcampus. If you would like further information about this service, contact Off-Campus Housing, Housing &

Residential Life, Comstock Hall - East, 210 Delaware St. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Phone: 612-624-2994
Email: housing@umn.edu.

Family and Partnered Housing

Housing is available for students who have children, are married, are married with children, or have same-sex partners registered with the University. Two facilities, cooperatively managed by the residents, are available. Commonwealth Terrace is adjacent to the St. Paul campus, and Como Student Community is in Minneapolis about midway between the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses. If you would like further information about these facilities, contact: Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative at 651-646-7526, or Como Student Community at 612-378-2434.