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General Questions

Do I need to complete the application if I am looking to live off campus next year? What is the exemption process like for first- and second-year students?

It depends on your student classification:

- **First- and second-year students**: Yes, you must complete the housing application, even if you plan to live off campus. The housing exemption request is included in the housing application, so all first- and second-year students must submit it to be considered for an exemption.
- Third-year, fourth year, and graduate students: No, you do not need to complete the housing application if you do not plan to live on campus.

What is the exemption process like for first- and second-year students?

Regis University requires **first- and second-year students** to live on campus unless they receive an approved exemption. The exemption process includes:

- 1. **Completing the Housing Application** The exemption request is embedded within this application.
- 2. **Providing Supporting Documentation** You may request an exemption if you meet one of the following conditions:
 - a. You are 21 years old or older by the start of the current academic fall semester.
 - b. You live with a parent or legal guardian within 25 miles of the Northwest Denver campus (3333 Regis Boulevard, Denver, CO, 80221). Your address will be verified.
 - c. You are married or have children.
 - d. I am a transfer with at least four full-time semesters of consecutive coursework completed prior to Regis with a history of living on-campus
 - e. You are a transfer with at least 60 units of coursework completed prior to Regis.
- 3. **Receiving Approval Before Signing a Lease** Students must wait for formal approval of their exemption request before committing to off-campus housing.



I need medical accommodation to live in the dorms on campus. What does the medical accommodation process look like?

If you need a medical accommodation or are exploring options for an Emotional Support Animal (ESA), please connect with Student Disability Services to guide you through the process. They will help determine appropriate accommodations and assist with any necessary documentation.

For more information, visit: <u>Student Disability Services</u>.

What should I put on my roommate profile page?

Your roommate profile page helps match you with someone who shares similar habits, preferences, and lifestyle. Here are key details to include:

1. Basic Information

- Your name, year in school, and major (if applicable).
- Hometown or where you're coming from.

2. Living Preferences

- **Sleep schedule** Are you a night owl or an early riser?
- Noise level Do you prefer a quiet space or don't mind background noise?
- Study habits Do you study in your room, or do you prefer to study elsewhere?
- Cleaning habits Are you neat and organized, or more laid-back about tidiness?

3. Social & Lifestyle Preferences

- Do you like to have friends over, or do you prefer a quieter space?
- Are you outgoing or more reserved?
- Do you participate in any sports, clubs, or hobbies?

4. Roommate Expectations

- Are you okay with sharing items?
- Do you have any allergies or sensitivities (food, pets, scents, etc.)?
- Any specific preferences or deal breakers (e.g., no candles, no loud music after a certain time)?

What is a Learning Living Community (LLC)?

A Living Learning Community (LLC) is like a dorm with a theme! It's where students with shared interests, like leadership, sustainability, or the arts, live together, connect through cool events, and learn beyond the classroom. Think of it as a built-in friend group, study squad, and support system all in one!



If you're interested, stay tuned—Regis will be introducing more LLCs next year!

Is the housing contract a legally binding contract?

Yes, the housing contract is a legally binding agreement. When you sign the contract, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions outlined within it, including financial obligations and policies regarding residency requirements, cancellations, and conduct expectations.

It is important to read the contract carefully before signing. If you have any questions about the terms or need clarification, contact the Housing and Residential Engagement Office before committing.

What happens if my plans change, and I will no longer be wanting/able to live on campus for the upcoming academic year? What are important cancellation policies and processes I should be aware of?

If your plans change and you no longer wish or are unable to live on campus, you must follow the housing cancellation process outlined in your housing contract. Below are key policies and steps to be aware of:

1. Review the Housing Contract

- The housing contract is legally binding, and cancellations may be subject to fees or penalties depending on when the request is submitted.
- Cancellation refunds are based on our Housing Refund Chart, which outlines how much of the housing cost may be refunded depending on the timing of your cancellation.

2. Submit a Cancellation Request

- You must formally submit a cancellation request through the Housing and Residential Engagement Office or housing portal.
- Requests will be reviewed, and approval is not guaranteed unless it meets specific exemption criteria.

3. Important Cancellation Considerations

- **First- and second-year students**: Because of the on-campus residency requirement, cancellation requests are typically only approved if you qualify for an exemption (e.g., living with a parent/guardian within the required radius, medical accommodation, etc.).
- Upperclass and graduate students: If you cancel before the specified deadline, you may be eligible for a refund based on the Housing Refund Chart.
 Cancellations after deadlines may result in partial or full contract charges.



 Mid-Year Cancellations: If you decide to leave housing mid-year, additional fees or restrictions may apply.

4. Cancellation Fee

 All cancellations are subject to a \$300 cancellation fee, regardless of the reason or timing of the request.

5. Contact Housing and Residential Engagement for Guidance

If you are considering canceling your housing, reach out to the Housing and Residential Engagement Office as soon as possible to discuss your options and understand potential financial and contractual obligations.

What should I list for my room preferences?

When selecting your room preferences, keep the following in mind:

- **Single Rooms:** If you are seeking a single room, please note that availability is limited, and we cannot guarantee a single room assignment. To increase your chances of securing housing, please also include preferences for a double room in your application.
- Boryla Apartments: If you are interested in living in Boryla, we currently cannot
 guarantee how many spaces will be available for the 2025-2026 academic year. We
 strongly recommend selecting an on-campus backup option in case. While we anticipate
 availability, the exact number of rooms is still being finalized.

What is renter's insurance? Why would I need it? How should I determine if it is something I should purchase?

What is Renter's Insurance?

Renter's insurance is a type of policy that protects your personal belongings in case of unexpected events such as theft, fire, water damage, or other incidents. It can also provide liability coverage if someone is injured in your residence.

Why Would I Need Renter's Insurance?

 Protection for Personal Belongings – Regis University does not assume liability for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal property in university housing (as stated in the Housing Contract). Renter's insurance ensures that your items, such as electronics, clothing, and furniture, are covered.



• **Coverage for Unexpected Incidents** – If an event like a fire or flood damages your room, renter's insurance can help cover temporary living expenses and replacement costs.

How Should I Determine if I Should Purchase It?

- Check Your Family's Homeowners Insurance Some homeowners insurance policies extend coverage to students living in campus housing. Check with your insurance provider to see if you're already covered.
- **Consider the Value of Your Belongings** If you have expensive electronics, clothing, or other valuables, renter's insurance can be a worthwhile investment.
- **Evaluate Your Risk** If you are living in a shared space or an apartment with multiple roommates, the risk of accidental damage or theft may be higher.
- **Check University Requirements** While Regis University does not require renter's insurance, it is strongly recommended to protect yourself from unexpected expenses.

Where can I find the housing rates for the upcoming academic year? What resources are available to me to determine if living on-campus is a financially feasible option for me?

You can review the updated **2025-2026 housing rates** by visiting <u>housing.regis.edu</u>. This page includes detailed pricing information for different room types, including single, double, and triple room options.

Determining if Living On-Campus is Financially Feasible

We understand that making housing decisions involves careful financial planning. If you are exploring whether living on campus is the right choice for you, we encourage you to:

- Work with Financial Aid The Financial Aid Office can help you understand your aid package, scholarships, and loan options to support your housing costs.
- **Consult with Student Accounts** If you have questions about billing, payment plans, or how housing costs fit into your overall tuition and expenses, Student Accounts can provide guidance.
- Compare Costs & Consider Value While living on campus is an investment, it provides benefits such as proximity to classes, included utilities, safety, and access to campus resources.

A Note About Housing Rates for 2025-2026



We want to take a moment to share some important information about housing rates for the 2025-2026 academic year, particularly regarding single rooms.

Regis University has long maintained single room pricing below market value compared to similar institutions in the Denver area. After a thorough review of market trends and student housing needs, the Board of Trustees has approved an adjustment to single room rates to better reflect the actual cost of providing a private living space, which takes two beds offline for a single student.

We understand that affordability is an important consideration, and we remain committed to balancing cost-conscious decisions with maintaining high-quality, well-maintained housing. While single room rates have been adjusted, our double and triple room rates have remained in line with previous years' increases, ensuring that students continue to have a variety of options that fit their needs.

If you have any questions or concerns, our housing team is here to assist you—please don't hesitate to reach out at reslife@regis.edu.

We appreciate you being part of the Regis community and look forward to supporting your housing experience in the coming year!

How does the application and room selection process work? When am I considered 'done' with the process?

There are two parts to the housing application and room selection process. The first part is the application where you fill out your personal details, create a roommate profile and can select a roommate(s), sign your contract and more.

Once you have fully filled out your application, you will move onto the room selection portion of the process. You will be unable to move forward with this part of the process until you have fully completed your application. Room selection will likely be unavailable to you when you finish your application as it will open at a later date from the application live date. You will be randomly assigned a lottery time on one of the selection dates to select a room. You will be considered 'done' with the process once you have completed your application, selected a room, and reached the 'Application Complete!' page on the Front Porch application.



It is important to note that once you have signed your contract, you cannot go backwards in the process. As such, this is another important marker of your progress in this process and should be carefully reviewed before moving forward (please see more details on this on the earlier question regarding the legally binding nature of the housing contract).

How are lottery times determined?

Lottery times for housing selection are autogenerated by our housing platform, StarRez, based on when students submitted their housing application.

- Earlier applications receive earlier lottery times, increasing the chances of securing preferred housing options.
- While we strive to accommodate preferences, room selection is not guaranteed, and we encourage students to have backup options in mind.
- Once your lottery time is assigned, you will receive an email notification with details on when you can select your housing.

If you have any questions about the lottery process or your assigned time, please contact reslife@regis.edu.



First-Year Students

I am a first-year student who is going through the application process for the first time. How do I access my housing portal and application?

Once you have enrolled at Regis, you will be given access to the housing portal, also known as Front Porch (housing.regis.edu).

Steps to Access Your Housing Application:

- 1. Log in to Front Porch Use your RegisNet username and password to sign in.
- 2. Find the Housing Application Once logged in, click on the blue tab at the top of the screen to access the application.
- 3. Select the Correct Application You will see the housing application for the upcoming academic year. Click on it to begin.
- 4. Complete the Application Follow the prompts to provide your housing preferences and required details.

Important: You can only access the housing application while it is open for students to apply. If you do not see an active application, check back later or contact reslife@regis.edu for assistance.

If you need any help during the process, we're here to support you—welcome to Regis Housing!

I do not know anyone coming into Regis and am nervous about finding a roommate. How do I select a roommate as a first-year student on the application and how do I know they will be a good fit for me?

We know that starting college and finding the right roommate can feel overwhelming, but you're not alone! Regis makes it easy to connect with potential roommates through the housing application on Front Porch (housing.regis.edu).

How the Roommate Selection Process Works:

Roommate Matching in the Housing Application – As a first-year student, you will have the option to select a roommate when completing your housing application. You'll answer questions about your living habits, preferences, and lifestyle to help match you with someone compatible.



Find a Roommate Through the Matching Feature – If you don't have someone in mind, you can browse profiles of other students who are also looking for a roommate! This allows you to connect and chat before making a decision.

Trust the Process! – Even if you don't select a roommate, our system will match you based on your preferences, helping to ensure a comfortable and positive living experience.

Remember—so many first-year students are in the same boat as you! Everyone is looking to meet new people, and this is a great opportunity to make a new friend. If you have any concerns, our Housing and Residential Engagement team is happy to help!

As a freshman, am I eligible for a single room?

Freshmen are not eligible for single rooms due to high demand and limited availability in our residence halls. Additionally, we believe that an important part of the first-year college experience is living with a roommate and being part of a vibrant, communal environment.

Living with a roommate encourages students to step outside their comfort zones, develop meaningful connections, and build lifelong friendships. This shared experience fosters personal growth, communication skills, and a sense of belonging within the Regis community.

We are excited to support you as you begin this new chapter, and we are here to help ensure a positive and enriching housing experience!

If I am under 18 years old, can I sign my contract?

Yes, you can sign your housing contract; however, we will also need a parent or guardian to sign as well to ensure the agreement is valid.

When completing your housing application, your parent or legal guardian will be required to review and electronically sign the contract alongside you. This ensures that all terms and conditions are acknowledged and agreed upon.

If you have any questions about this process, feel free to reach out to reslife@regis.edu for assistance. We're here to help!

What are my dorm options as a freshman?

DeSmet Hall is the primary housing option for first-year students, offering the full on-campus college experience in a dynamic and welcoming environment. This residence hall is designed to



help you connect, grow, and thrive, providing the perfect balance of community, independence, and support as you start your journey at Regis.

From shared living spaces to social events and study lounges, DeSmet Hall is more than just a place to sleep—it's where friendships are formed, memories are made, and college truly begins!



Returning Students

Will there be returner's rights this year?

This year, there will not be returner's rights as part of the housing selection process. Instead, we've redesigned the application process to better serve our upperclass students by allowing them to apply first!

We understand that change can feel uncertain, but this new approach is designed to give upperclassmen more direct access to the rooms they want, creating a smoother and more transparent housing selection experience.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work to improve the process. If you have any questions or need guidance, our Housing and Residential Engagement team is here to help!

What are my dorm options as a returning student?

As a returning student, you have several fantastic housing options to choose from, each offering a unique campus living experience!

O'Connell Hall – Available for **first-year and second-year students**, this hall offers a vibrant community atmosphere.

O'Connell Hall Singles – Exclusively for **second-year students**, these single rooms provide more privacy while still keeping you connected to campus life.

West Hall – Open to **second-, third-, and fourth-year students**, West Hall offers a great mix of independence and community.

Residence Village – Designed for third- and fourth-year students, as well as graduate students, Residence Village provides a more independent living experience while keeping you close to campus resources.

Boryla Apartments – Perfect for **upperclassmen and graduate students**, Boryla offers apartment-style living while staying connected to the Regis community.

Important Note About Boryla: If you're selecting Boryla, we recommend also choosing an on-campus backup option. While we anticipate availability, the exact number of rooms for the 2025- 2026 academic year is still being finalized.



No matter where you choose to live, we're excited to welcome you back for another amazing year at Regis!

I would like to room together with some of my friends. How can I choose them as my roommates?

If you are looking to room with your friends or have a group picked out, you will be able to create a roommate group in the housing application on the Front Porch. *In order to complete this, you will need someone to act as the group leader and create the group in the application. Please keep in mind that all students who are looking to room together must fill out the application to be added to the roommate group.* Students who have not started the application will not be available to be added to the group. We recommend titling the group under a unique (but appropriate) name and communicating the name with your group so that they are able to search for it.

I am interested in a single room. What is the process for selecting a single and how likely am I to get one?

Single rooms are a popular commodity on our campus and are anticipated to be highly competitive this year. You can indicate your preference for a single room in your application. You must select at least two preferences in the application and can select up to five. We highly recommend that if you are interested in a single room that you list a few double room preferences in addition to your single preferences given that single spaces will be limited and are not guaranteed. Single spaces will be first come, first serve and priority will be given to upper-classmen and graduate students. Should you be interested in a single room but not receive one, there will be the option of being added to a single waitlist after the selection process.



Other Questions

I am an LCDA/CDA/CA/PM for the upcoming academic year. Do I need to complete the application/selection process?

Yes, as a LCDA/CDA/CA/PM you are still required to fill out the housing application but will not need to complete the room selection process as you will be assigned your room by the HRE office based on your area placement. If you will be living with a roommate(s), you will be able to select your roommate(s) during the application process via the roommate selection/group page. Once you have selected a roommate or roommate group, the HRE office will place yourself and any of your roommate(s) together.

I am an NCAA athlete. Will I be paired with one of my teammates?

We understand that NCAA athletes have demanding practice and game schedules, which can make roommate life a little different. To support our student-athletes, Housing and Residential Engagement is piloting a program aimed at grouping athletes near others with similar schedules whenever possible.

This approach helps create a supportive living environment, allowing roommates to better adjust to early practices, travel schedules, and the unique demands of college athletics.

While we are doing our best to place athletes near one another, we cannot guarantee that you will be paired with a teammate. However, we encourage you to use the roommate matching feature in the housing application to connect with other athletes or students who share similar lifestyles.

If you have any concerns or preferences, please reach out to reslife@regis.edu

I am part of the GLOBAL Inclusive Program. What does the application and selection process look like for me?

We're excited to welcome you to on-campus living as part of the GLOBAL Inclusive Program. To ensure you're placed with your program mates, please follow these steps when completing your housing application:

- 1. **Fill Out the Housing Application** Just like all students, you'll need to complete the housing application through **Front Porch** (<u>housing.regis.edu</u>).
- 2. **Look for the Living Learning Communities Page** During the application, you'll come across a section about **Living Learning Communities** (LLCs).



3. Answer the GLOBAL Program Question – When asked, "Are you a part of the GLOBAL Inclusive Program?" be sure to mark 'Yes'—this helps us ensure you are placed with your program mates.

We know that finding the right living environment is important, and we're here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to reslife@regis.edu.

If you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Housing and Residential Engagement office via email at reslife@regis.edu, via phone at 303-458-4991, or come visit us in person on the lower level of O'Connell Hall.