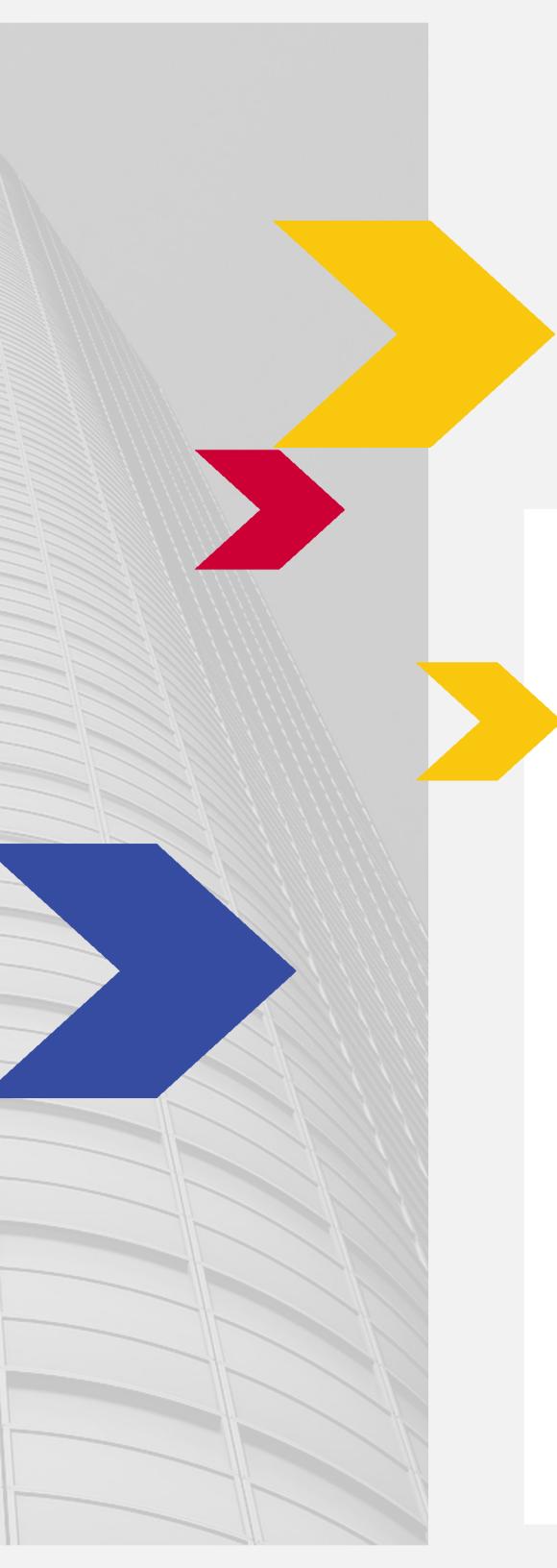




Housing Reapplication Guide 2026-27

How to apply for housing and select a room
More info on the RLSH Website



What Is Reapplication?

Reapplication is a two step process to return to on-campus housing.

- 1) Re-apply for Housing & sign housing agreement
- 2) Select a Room

Dates to know

- Deadline to Reapply: March 1 at 11:59 p.m.
- Same Commons Selection: ends March 1 at 11:59 p.m.
- General Room Selection: March 5-11
- Deadline to cancel: May 1

Essential Facts to know

- Must reapply by March 1 to select/reserve a room
- Room selection options include Residential Commons and Upper Division Housing
- Living on-campus is optional after your first year



New for 2026-27

Sophomores

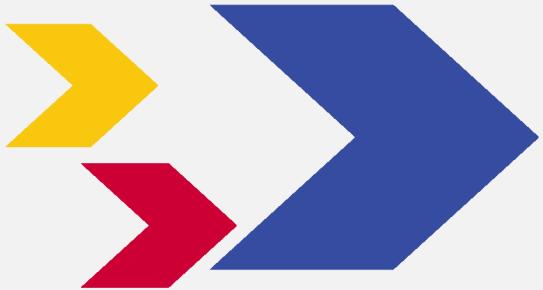
- No housing requirement, no exemption needed to live off-campus.
- Multiple options for Room Selection: Pending available space, you can select in the Residential Commons and some Upper Division Housing (Moore, Smith-Perkins, SMUSH)

Juniors & Seniors

- Room Selection options include the Residential Commons or Upper Division Housing community, including Hilltop Heights, Thomas and Martin pending availability.

All Residents

- Living off-campus or in Greek house? No need to apply with SMU or ask for exemption!
- Simplified Room Selection: Same Commons OR General Room Selection
- Deadline to cancel housing application and assignment without penalty moved to May 1. (Penalties apply after May 1.)
- New meal plan options for 2026-27 (see SMU Campus Dish for details!)



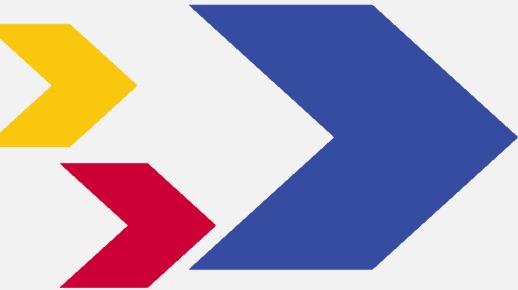
First Step-Reapply

Current Residents

- Reapplication for 2026-27 opens on the SMU Housing Portal in early February. You will be notified when it is ready for you to apply.
- You must finish the application and sign the housing license agreement by March 1 in order to select a room.
- The application is to live in any SMU residence hall and is not for a specific room type or building (i.e., single or upper division.)
- The Housing License Agreement is for the full academic year.
- Roommate requests must be completed in your Reapplication on the portal by March 1. Both roommates must live on-campus now.
- If you intend to live off-campus or in a Greek house, you do not need to apply with SMU and should **not** reapply.

Off-campus Student Information

- Reapplication & Room Selection is only for Spring 2026 residents.
- Space permitting, you may be able to apply for Stand-by after Spring Break. Contact RLSH for details after March 5.



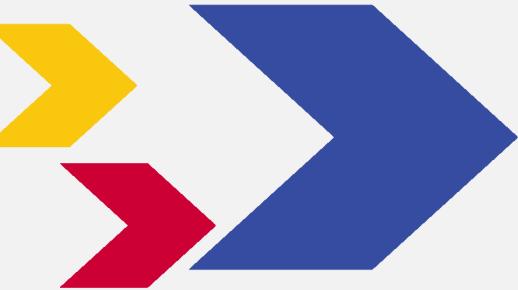
Second Step- Room Selection

Same Commons Selection (ends March 1)

- Living in a commons and want to return?
- You can reserve a space in your same commons right after you finish the application.
- You will only see available space in your current commons.
- Roommates returning together must reserve individually!
- Singles available for selection will be limited.

Keep in Mind

- There are no changes after you finalize a room reservation, so reserve your space carefully!
- If you want a different building, skip Same Commons Selection and wait for General Room Selection (March 5-11).
- Same Commons selection ends March 1.
- Does not apply to residents in Upper Division Housing



Second Step- Room Selection

General Room Selection (March 5-11)

- Looking for a different community next year? Reapply by March 1 to be eligible to reserve a room during General Room Selection.
- On March 4, look for an email with your room selection day & time.
- At your selection time, log in to see all rooms available for you to reserve in all Residential Commons and Upper Division Housing communities.
- Have a roommate? The roommate with the earlier time can log in and reserve a double for both roommates at the same time.
- Singles are limited.

Keep in Mind

- There are no changes after you finalize a room reservation, so reserve your space carefully!
- Some buildings are limited to Juniors & Seniors.
- Not finding what you hoped for? Reserve a room, then join the waiting list on the portal. (You must pick a room in order to join a waiting list.)

#Protips for Room Selection



Same Commons

If you love your current Residential Commons and want to return, you have the options to pick “early” and be done with room selection by March 1.

- Available on the portal after AFTER you complete your reapplication for housing.
- During Same Commons, not every room will be available, so have several options in mind.
- ADA rooms will not be available.
- Most singles will be available, but are limited in some commons.
- Rooms built/furnished to hold two people will be designated as doubles.
- There are no “do-overs” after you click Finalize Reservation” when reserving a room, so pick your space carefully!
- Have a roommate? Both must live in the same commons now, and each roommate MUST select personally during that time period.
- Roommate in a different commons? Be sure to match via the portal and Wait for General Room Selection to pick together!
- Selection closes at 11:59 p.m. on March 1.
- If you select during Same Commons, you are not eligible for General Room Selection.

#Protips for Room Selection

General Room Selection (March 5-11)

Looking for a different building? You will pick during this time.

Check your SMU email on March 4 to get your day and time for room selection!



- You will see all spaces available to you in all commons and upper division housing at your selection time.
- Some buildings fill quickly. If you do not see a specific building or room, it is not available. Pick from what is available, join a waiting list later.
- You can only pick a room one time... after you click “Finalize Reservation” there are no “do-over” options.
- Most singles will be available, but are limited in some areas.
- ADA rooms will not be available for General Room Selection.
- Room selection times are randomly assigned, with priority for sophomores, then juniors, and seniors.
- Martin, Thomas and Hilltop Heights are available for Seniors and Juniors as determined by number of years at SMU, not academic credit hours.

About Roommates and General Room Selection

- Requested a roommate on the portal? The one with the earliest time can select for both roommates. Be sure you are in agreement about first, second and third options!
- Have a roommate in mind, but no portal request? Each of you need to personally select a space on your own. Coordinate with each other by each logging in and reserving your own spot in a room when the roommate with the later time can reserve a space.

About Waiting Lists....

Demand for some of our spaces is very high and many “popular” room types will fill quickly during Reapplication/Room Selection. We have a few waiting lists for students to request to be “reassigned” or moved if vacancies become open in those spaces.

- Only returning residents with an assignment for Fall can join a waiting list to be reassigned.
- Wait lists open on the SMU Housing portal in March and are kept in the order received.
- When joining a wait list, include a brief comment (30 words or less) about the request, if the request is your top choice and if you’re willing to be moved without your requested roommate (if applicable.)
- You can join multiple waiting lists, but if you’re assigned from one list, you are removed from the other lists.
- Reassignment from a waiting list is made based on availability and in the order students join a waiting list.
- We do not report your place in the wait list queue because that does not reflect your chances of being reassigned to a preferred room/building.
- Reassignment can happen anytime, so do not join a list unless you are willing to be moved without prior notice.



Waiting lists are active until July 15 and expire on August 1. All names are removed on August 1.

[More information about waiting list is on the RLSH website.](#)

Housing License Agreement & Housing Cancellations



Highlights

- The Housing License Agreement is for the full academic year and is required for assignment on-campus. Exceptions for a one semester agreement due to study abroad, December graduation and student teaching must be requested in writing.
- The housing application and License Agreement is for space only and does not guarantee assignment to a specific location or room type, nor guarantee specific roommate. The University reserves the right to make reassessments as necessary.
- A meal plan is required for students living in Residential Commons and Smith-Perkins.

Cancellation Policy & Financial Penalty

How to cancel: Must be submitted in writing either via the SMU Housing portal or email (housing@smu.edu).

Deadline to cancel without penalty is May 1

After May 1:

- May 2-May 31 \$1,500
- June 1-30 \$2,500
- July 1-31 \$3,500
- After July 31, cancellation will result in full fall payment due

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More info and FAQs
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