



# **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
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# 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





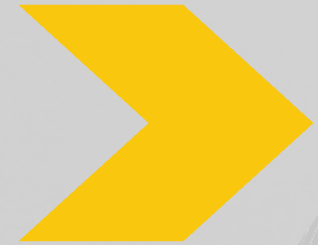
# Second Step- Room Selection

## **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



## SMU HOUSING LICENSE AGREEMENT

### 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 reassignments as necessary.
- A meal plan is required for students living in Residential Commons and Smith-Perkins.



## HOUSING CANCELLATIONS

### Cancellation Policy & Financial Penalty

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