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Dear Colleague,

As your students receive their University of Minnesota admission decisions, we want to make sure you have information to help with their questions about on-campus housing. We believe living on campus is an important part of the transition to college. Although living in a residence hall is not required, it is strongly encouraged. We continue to see the positive impact of living on campus in our record first year retention rates, student success, and student satisfaction.

To facilitate making it easy for students to live on campus, we guarantee on-campus housing to students who submit their housing application by May 1 and who also confirm their enrollment by May 1. Students can apply for housing now as housing assignments are based on the date the student's housing application is received. This eUpdate includes some key information about our housing application process as well as answers to frequently asked questions about housing at the U of M.

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Do you guarantee housing for incoming freshmen?

Yes! New freshmen who submit the housing application-contract, \$25 nonrefundable housing application fee, and confirm their enrollment by May 1, 2017, are guaranteed a space in University housing, provided they are willing to accept the space that is offered.

Note: Housing and Residential Life encourages students to apply for housing early as assignments are given on a first-come, first-served basis, according to when the housing application is received. Students may begin applying for housing even before an admission decision is rendered.



How do students apply for University housing?

Students are able to submit their applications for University Housing online

at www.housing.umn.edu. (There is a \$25 nonrefundable housing application fee.)

When should students apply for University housing?

Applications are being accepted *now*. Students are encouraged to apply for housing as early as possible. Applicants can submit housing applications prior to receiving an admission decision.

Please note: Housing assignments are based on the date the housing application becomes complete (not the date of the student's admission decision), so the earlier students apply, the better their chances of being assigned to their preferred hall/room type.

Housing & Residential Life will grant housing preferences on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the date the housing application becomes complete; however, our Freshman Housing Guarantee ensures that all admitted freshmen who apply for housing by May 1, 2017, are guaranteed space in on-campus housing.

- **March 1, 2017:** Students who are interested in one of the Living Learning Communities are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, but no later than March 1, 2017. Assignments in [Living Learning Communities](#) are based on the date the completed housing application-contract is received, space availability, and whether students meet program requirements.
- **May 1, 2017:** Last day for new freshmen to apply and qualify for the Freshman Housing Guarantee.

Should admitted students apply for housing before they have decided if they will attend the U of M?

Yes. We encourage all admitted students to apply for housing as early as possible to enhance their assignment options. Housing assignments are based on the date the housing application becomes complete, so the earlier students apply the better their chances of being assigned to their preferred halls.

What are the benefits of living in University Housing?

On-campus housing is encouraged and close to 90% of new freshmen live on campus at the U of M. Research shows that students who live on campus their first year have higher GPAs than students who live off campus and they also have higher retention and

graduation rates. Students who choose to live on campus:

- Get involved in social, educational, cultural, and recreational activities.
- Enjoy easy access to academic and personal support services.
- Live close to classes, the student union, libraries, and the recreation center.

Students can choose from a variety of campus housing options, all with easy access

to classroom buildings and public transportation. Students can [learn more about our on-campus housing facilities](#) and [submit their applications online](#).

On-campus housing is the perfect place for students to meet new people and develop lasting connections with their U of M classmates. By choosing on-campus housing, students join a community of other students who live, sleep, eat, study and relax in the heart of our vibrant Big 10 campus.



Above: Bailey Hall Dining

Living Learning Communities at the U of M

In addition to the programs and services provided in University housing, the University offers [28 interest-specific Living Learning Communities \(LLCs\)](#) designed for incoming first year students. LLC students live together in a dedicated area of a residence hall, sometimes referred to as a "house". Each program is co-sponsored by an academic department or college and is specifically designed to deliver a variety of events and services to support students in their academic and personal growth.

In our on-campus Living and Learning Communities you will have the opportunity to work closely with faculty and staff to explore your interests further. Through our LLCs you will discover an instant on-campus community where you find friends who share similar interests, passions and goals.

As part of our newest residence hall, 17th Avenue Residence Hall, two of the more recent additions to our Living Learning Communities are the [Huntley House for Young African American Men](#) and the [Pillar House](#). The Huntley House is dedicated to African American males, and brings together students with shared interests, motivation, and culture to form a community of talented students and innovative scholars. Pillar House is designed to bring together a community of students who are interested in learning more about Greek Life at the U of M.

Examples of other Living Learning Communities include:

- [Biology House](#)
- [Environment House](#)

- [Honors Residential Community](#)
- [TRIO Multicultural LLC](#)
- [Tsev Hmoob \(Hmong House\)](#)
- [La Casa de Español](#)

You may view [a complete listing of LLCs](#), including descriptions and contact information for each community.

Whom should students contact if they have questions about University Housing?

Online: <http://www.housing.umn.edu>

Phone: [\(612\) 624-2994](tel:612-624-2994)

Email: housing@umn.edu

"Living in a residence hall was definitely one the most valuable learning experience I will be taking away from college. It's a complete lifestyle change and is the most amazing experience. Learning how to be independent was made so much easier through this."

- Jacob, Champlin, MN

"My floor mates have become my best friends."

- Anna, Doon, IA

"My highlight has been being a part of the Huntley House. I have met my closest friends through it. I have met faculty and many in administration. It was also extremely fun, and I am so glad that we have the Huntley House."- Daniel, New Brighton, MN

Questions?

As always, we encourage you to reach out to us with any questions you may have. If we can be of assistance to you or your students, please contact us on our High School Counselor Hotline at [612-626-8378](tel:612-626-8378) or [1-800-752-1000](tel:1-800-752-1000).

Sincerely,

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