

## 2019-2020 Housing FAQ

### What is the Housing & Campus Life Contract?

The Housing & Campus Life Contract is the process for students to select housing preferences, preferred roommates/suitemates, and meal plans for the 2019-2020 academic year.

It works like this: the application goes live on **March 11, 2019**, students fill it out online at <http://housing.queens.edu>. The application closes **March 18, 2019 at 11:59pm**.

Students living on campus for the fall are assigned a random lottery number (by classification i.e. Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior) and placed into housing assignments in order of their assigned lottery number.

### How much time will it take to complete?

Students should expect to take up to 30 minutes to complete their Housing & Campus Life Contract.

### What is the timeline?

This process is based on your current academic class standing (does not include spring credits) and happens on the following schedule:

- March 11 - [Housing & Campus Contract](#) Opens for ALL students at 9:00am
- March 18 - [Housing & Campus Contract](#) Closes for ALL students at 11:59pm
- March 18 - Junior Off Campus Lottery Applications, Squatter Request Applications AND Senior Requests to Live on Campus Applications due at 11:59pm
- March 28 - Placement of Resident Assistants, Squatters (See below for requirements) & Students with Approved Accommodations
- April 1 - Placement of Current Seniors & Current Juniors
- April 3 - Placement of Current Sophomores
- April 5 - Placement of Current Freshman
- April 9 - Placement of all Remaining Unassigned Students Required to Live on Campus

### What if I don't complete the 2019-2020 Housing & Campus Life Contract?

If students who are required to live on campus (see below for requirements) fail to complete the Housing & Campus Life Contract by **March 18, 2019 at 11:59pm**, they will automatically be placed into a fall assignment by Residence Life & Housing until they can verify their housing status.

### What is the residency requirement at Queens?

Queens University of Charlotte has a strict residency requirement. Full-time, enrolled Traditional Undergraduate Students seeking bachelor degrees are required to live in campus housing unless they:

- have earned 90 credit hours (senior class standing)
- are living with their parent or legal guardian in either Mecklenburg County or a neighboring county including: Fort Mill - 29715, 29707; Rock Hill - 29730, 29732; Tega Cay - 29708; Union - 28079; Gastonia - 28056, 28054, 28052; Concord - 28025; Concord - 28027; Harrisburg - 28075;

Kannapolis 28081 and 28083; Midland - 28107; Matthews - 28104; Waxhaw - 28173; Monroe - 28110, 28112; Belmont - 28012; Dallas - 28034; Stanley - 28164.

- are over the age of 24
- are married
- have children living with them

Only students who meet the above criteria for commuter status, OR who can demonstrate a significant documented medical or financial need are eligible to be released from the three year housing requirement. Students requesting release must complete the following [Housing Contract Cancellation Request Form](#). A committee determines whether a student is approved for release.

### **How does squatting work?**

Eligible individual students can select to remain in the *exact* same housing assignment in the fall as their *current* housing assignment. Only current Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors can squat. Students who began 2018-2019 as an entering Freshman are NOT eligible to squat. Students currently occupying the following housing assignments are ineligible to squat:

- Students who began 2018-2019 as an entering Freshman are NOT eligible to squat
- Any room in Albright, Barnhardt or Belk—these are all reserved for entering Freshman
- Current suitemates or roommates of Resident Assistants
- Students currently living in Hayes that are not participating in the Honors program
- Wireman students occupying singles as doubles
- Wireman students occupying doubles as triples
- The following rooms in HBO: 201, 202, 203, 214, 215, 216,
- Any current ADA room including Byrum 622A and Byrum 622B, Wireman 121, 144, 221, 244, 321, 344, 421, 444.

For current Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors who are ineligible to squat their assignment (for one of the above reasons except for current suitemates or roommates of Resident Assistants) will be offered “like assignments” if possible. Example: If you currently live in Byrum 622A or B and wish to squat but this room is not eligible to squat, Residence Life & Housing will find you a similar double option in Byrum.

### **If I’m eligible to live off campus should i still complete the 2019-2020 Housing & Campus Life Contract?**

Yes, all students currently living on campus are required to verify whether they will be a commuter or residential student for the 2019-2020 academic year. Failure to do so will impact meal plans and future parking registration.

### **How are students placed into housing?**

All students eligible to live on campus will be assigned a randomized lottery number within their current class standing. This lottery will be emailed prior to being placed in housing. The lottery numbers determine the order in which Residence Life places students into their preferred housing assignments.

Currently classified Seniors will be placed into housing first, followed by currently classified Juniors, then currently classified sophomores and then currently classified freshman. Those placed into housing first

will have a better chance of receiving their preferred housing assignment. Lottery numbers are specific to individual students and are not transferable between students.

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### **What are the steps to complete the Housing & Campus Life Contract?**

Think through your housing preferences for next year. Residence Life & Housing offers a wide variety of options for different student needs. See below for information on what housing options are available for upperclassmen (Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors) and entering Freshman.

1. Consider your budget while making decisions. Students are able to make three housing preferences for the 2019-2020 academic year. As residential space on campus is limited, students who do not make three housing preferences will be placed into available options by Residence Life & Housing if their 1st or 2nd preferences are not available.
2. Consider which roommates and/or suitemates you would like to live with next year. You can list as many as four roommate and suitemate preferences. It's important to note that roommates and suitemates must be mutually selected (all students must list each other) in order to be placed together.
3. Consider your building preferences for next year.
4. Determine which meal plans you want to purchase next year. All residential students are required to have a meal plan. See below for the available meal plans offered next academic year.
5. Once you know the above information, you will be ready to submit your Housing and Campus Life Contract.

### **Step 1: select residential vs. commuter status**

Students are required to designate whether they will have residential or commuter status for the 2019-2020 academic year. Queens University of Charlotte has a strict residency requirement. Full-time, matriculated Traditional Undergraduate Students seeking bachelor degrees are required to live in campus housing unless they:

- have earned 90 credit hours (senior class standing)
- are living with their parent or legal guardian in either Mecklenburg County or a neighboring county below
- are over the age of 24
- are married
- have children living with them

**Step 2: complete roommate matching preferences**

Students have the opportunity to communicate preferred roommates and suitemates for their future housing assignment. If students do not communciare preferred roommates or suitemates, Residence Life & Housing will use the roommate matching preferences questions to place students together. Students will answer questions related to housing prefernces such study habits, room temperature, smoking preferences, etc. This is also where students can apply for gender neutral housing options.

**Step 3: agree to housing contract & select housing preferences**

The Housing & Campus Life Contract is a legally binding document, similar to signing a lease off campus. We highly recommend that students read through and understand this contract in detail.

Residential housing at Queens University of Charlotte is offered on a contractual basis for the full academic year (8/26/2019 - 4/29/2020). The student is therefore urged to read the contents of the Housing & Campus Life Contract carefully. When the official Housing Contract is electronically submitted it becomes a binding agreement between the student and the University. The University reserves the right to void the contract at any time if the student fails to meet requirements and/or follow policies and regulations. Students will not be placed on a waiting list or given a residential assignment without a completed Housing & Campus Life Contract.

**Step 4: select meal plan**

Students living on campus are required to have a weekly meal plan. Students can select from:

Residential Meal Plan Options	Year	Semester
Unlimited meals per week, 5 exchange meals per week in Queens' retail locations (Including \$95 per semester in Lions Dollars)	\$ 5,204.00	\$ 2,602.00
17 Meals per week (Including \$230 per semester in Lions Dollars)	\$ 4,586.00	\$ 2,293.00
12 Meals per week (Including \$255 per semester in Lions Dollars)	\$ 4,164.00	\$ 2,082.00
7 Meals per week (Including \$320 per semester in Lions Dollars) *ONLY available to junior and seniors	\$ 2,854.00	\$ 1,427.00

**What housing options are available next year? How much will they cost?**

Students will be asked to provide three different housing preferences for following academic year. As priority space (singles, Wireman, Byrum) typically fill up quickly it is important to provide three separate options. If students fail to provide three options and their preferences are no longer available, they will be placed at the discretion of Residence Life & Housing. Below are the housing options available for next year:

<b>First Year Housing Options</b>	Year	Semester
<b>Barnhardt (Corridor Style)</b>		
Double	\$ 6,356.00	\$ 3,178.00
Triple (Men Only)	\$ 5,606.00	\$ 2,803.00
Quad (Men Only)	\$ 5,456.00	\$ 2,728.00
<b>Albright (Corridor Style)</b>		
Double	\$ 7,140.00	\$ 3,570.00
Triple	\$ 6,390.00	\$ 3,195.00
<b>Belk (Corridor Style Women Only)</b>		
Double	\$ 7,140.00	\$ 3,570.00
<b>Hayes (Suite Style Reserved for Honors Students)</b>		
Double	\$ 7,952.00	\$ 3,976.00
<b>Upperclassmen Housing Options</b>		
<b>HBO (Corridor Style)</b>		
Double	\$ 7,140.00	\$ 3,570.00
Triple	\$ 6,390.00	\$ 3,195.00
<b>Hayes (Suite Style Reserved for Honors Students)</b>		
Double	\$ 7,952.00	\$ 3,976.00
<b>Wireman (Suite Style)</b>		
Single	\$ 10,378.00	\$ 5,189.00
Double	\$ 8,074.00	\$ 4,037.00
<b>Northwest (Suite Style)</b>		
Single (ADA)	\$ 10,378.00	\$ 5,189.00
Double with Private Bath	\$ 8,574.00	\$ 4,287.00
Double	\$ 8,074.00	\$ 4,037.00
Triple	\$ 7,324.00	\$ 3,662.00
<b>Byrum (Suite &amp; Super Suite Style)</b>		
Single	\$ 10,960.00	\$ 5,480.00
Double	\$ 8,390.00	\$ 4,195.00

### What upgrades or renovations will happen by next year?

**Belk**—we are excited to announce that Belk Residence Hall will receive an extensive 1-million-dollar renovation this summer including shower rooms, brand new laminate flooring in all residential rooms, brand new furniture in all residential rooms and freshly painted residential rooms.

**Barnhardt**—Barnhardt will have new carpeting throughout the common spaces including lobby and hallways.

**Northwest**—Northwest Hall is slotted to open on time for the 2019-2020 fall semester! Our newest residence hall will feature double and single suite-style rooms. Northwest will also have a few doubles with private baths. Community space is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors—one with a full kitchen—and two private study rooms. Laundry will be available on the first floor.

### Sed Min Living Learning Community

The Sed Min Household will be in Albright Hall next year. It is a Living Learning Community centered on developing students into passionate leaders who serve their community and each other. This community focuses on leadership and personal development as it relates to civic engagement and service to provide a one-of-a-kind living experience for first-year students. Through reflection, communication, and fairness, we create an environment of mutual trust, respect, and inclusion to meet the Queen's motto: "not to be served, but to serve." Only those students currently living in the Sed Min Household will be eligible to apply to live in Sed Min next year.

## Honors Living Learning Community

Honors housing is in Hayes Hall. Only those students currently participating in the Honors program at Queens are eligible to live in Hayes next year.

### What if I need special housing accommodations for the 2019-2020 school year?

The Office of Student Accessibility Services with Residence Life & Housing will work together to grant reasonable accommodations. Students requesting accommodations need to contact Dr. Cort Schneider, Director of Student Accessibility Services at (704) 337-2508 or by email at [schneiderc@queens.edu](mailto:schneiderc@queens.edu).

- Returning student accommodation requests must be submitted by March 20, 2019 at 9am.
- New student accommodation requests must be submitted by June 1, 2019 at 9am.

Queens University of Charlotte provides accessible housing and access to participate in all the benefits of university life in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and ADA legislation.

### Can I live with a student from a lower classification? (example: a current junior wants to live with a current sophomore or current first year student)

Upperclassmen (Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors) can live in any combination they prefer; however, your chances of getting your preferred housing assignment is less likely due to bringing in someone with a lower classification. Students with a higher classification will have a greater chance of getting their preferred housing assignment.

### What are gender neutral housing options?

In an effort to meet the needs of transgender, gender non-conforming students, their allies and students who may feel more comfortable or safe with suitemates of different gender identifications, Residence Life & Housing offers intentionally gender inclusive housing in suite-style (Northwest, Wireman, Hayes, Byrum) halls. Roommates must be of the same gender identification but suitemates may be of a different gender identification. As with all housing, gender inclusive housing is NOT intended for romantic cohabitation. Please see below to view the full [Gender Neutral Housing Policy](#).

It's important to note that all students at Queens University of Charlotte are placed into housing assignments based on how they gender identify.

All students who select gender neutral housing preferences in the 2019-2020 Housing & Campus Life Contract will be asked to complete and sign the above [Gender Neutral Housing Policy](#) prior to being placed into housing.

### What if I'm a senior and prefer to live on campus?

Students with 90+ earned credits are considered at Senior status, and are not required to live on campus. We recognize that living on campus is still preferable for many Seniors. Any Senior wanting to live on campus in the fall is **required** to complete a [Senior Housing Request Form](#) **NO later than March 18, 2019 at 11:59p.m.** While we will do our best to place as many Seniors as possible, we cannot guarantee housing for those students with 90+ credit hours unless they are required to live on campus.

### **What if I'm a junior and prefer to live off campus?**

We recognize that not all Juniors want to live on campus. Due to the increased residential student retention, there is a *possibility* that we will be able to release a small number of Juniors (via lottery system) from their three year housing requirement. Students who will have Junior status by the fall that are interested in being considered for housing release will need to complete the [Junior Lottery Release Application](#) **NO later than March 18, 2019 at 11:59p.m.** Rising Juniors wishing to be released from housing are still required to complete their *Housing & Campus Life Contract* in the event that they are not approved to live off campus.

### **What do I do if I'm a junior and released from housing?**

Once you learn that you have been released from the *Housing Contract*, you will need to log back into the *Housing & Campus Life Contract* and update your status to commuter. Students will also need to make adjustments to their selected meal plan by contacting Karla Barksdale-Weaver at [weaverk@queens.edu](mailto:weaverk@queens.edu). As a benefit to these students, we compile a list of available [housing options](#) off campus.

### **How does the new Lyft partnership work for residential students?**

Thanks to Queens new partnership with Lyft, you can simplify your life, save money on parking registration and [help improve the environment](#). Sound too good to be true? Now it is doable. Just complete your *2019-20 Housing & Campus Life Contract* March 11-18, and you will receive instructions and a Lyft credit through your Queens email that you can begin using April 1.

In addition, if you are a residential student and choose not to have a car on campus next year, you are eligible for a \$25 monthly Lyft credit from Queens that you can use during the 2019-20 academic year. This makes trips uptown, to the grocery store, and to local activities safe and convenient.

Commuter students are not eligible for monthly Lyft credit sponsored by Queens next academic year.

### **What if I'm interested in summer housing?**

Summer housing rates are only available for Queens University of Charlotte students; therefore, to be eligible you must be enrolled in either summer courses or be enrolled as a full-time TUG student for Spring 2019 or Fall 2019. **Graduating Seniors from the class of 2019 are not eligible for Summer Housing.** In addition, the student's account must be current and in good standing with Student Financial Services in order to receive an assignment.

You must select summer housing along with the *Housing & Campus Life Contract* due March 18 2019 at 11:59pm.

- Summer I and III Session Move-Out: Students will transition into their fall housing assignments on Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 10am-12pm.
- Students not living on campus for the fall semester are required to move out of their summer assignment by or before August 2, 2019 no later than 12pm

Please see below for summer housing rates:

Summer Session	Single	Double
*Session 1 (5/11-8/24)	\$1600	\$1200
Session 2 (5/11-6/22)	\$700	\$525
*Session 3 (6/23-8/24)	\$900	\$675

**Important Links:**

[Housing & Campus Contract](#) (where you will log in and complete housing preferences, etc.)

[Gender Neutral Housing Policy](#)

[Junior Lottery Release Application](#)

[Senior Housing Request Form](#)

[2019-2020 Housing Options](#)