

2020-21 Housing FAQ

What is the Housing & Campus Life Contract?

The Housing & Campus Life Contract is how students select housing preferences, preferred roommates/suitemates, and meal plans for the 2020-21 academic year. All CURRENT residential students (except graduating seniors) must complete the contract, even if eligible to commute next academic year.

The contract opens on March 11, 2020 at 9am and can be completed at <http://housing.queens.edu>. The contract closes March 18, 2020 at 11:59pm.

Students living on campus for fall 2020 are assigned a random lottery number based on CURRENT academic class standing and assigned to housing in order of 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 housing 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 at 9:00am
- March 18 - [Housing & Campus Contract](#) closes at 11:59pm
- March 20 - Housing Accommodation requests due
- March 18 - Senior requests to live on campus applications due at 11:59pm
- March 23 - Lottery numbers distributed via email
- March 24 - Resident Assistants, returning Seniors, Squatters (what is a squatter? Read below) Presidential Scholars & students with approved accommodations placement day
- March 26 - Current Juniors placement day
- March 30 - Current Sophomores placement day
- April 1 - Current Freshman placement day
- April 3 - Placement day for any student required to live on campus who did not complete the contract by advertised deadline
- April 13 - Summer housing placement day

Are there any major changes to the Housing & Campus Life Contract this year?

The biggest change this year is the decision to remove the Junior lottery. Please see below for details.

How and when will I be notified of my 2020-21 housing assignment?

Students will be notified of their 2020-21 housing assignment via email by 10pm on their assigned placement day.

What if I don't complete the Housing & Campus Life Contract?

If a student who is required to live on campus (see below for requirements) fails to complete the Housing & Campus Life Contract by the **March 18, 2020 at 11:59pm** deadline, they will be placed into a housing assignment based on availability following the placement of all other students.

Am I eligible to live off campus?

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.

If I'm eligible to live off campus should I still complete the 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 upcoming academic year. Failure to do so will impact meal plans and future parking registration.

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 returning Senior wanting to live on campus in the fall is **required** to complete a [Senior Housing Request Form](#) **NO later than March 18, 2020 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.

NEW! What if I'm a junior and prefer to live off campus?

Due to the recent construction of Northwest Hall, senior administration in tandem with Residence Life & Housing has determined that no junior lottery will be offered for the 2020-21 academic year. Instead, we ask that Juniors who would like to be added to a list of students who will be contacted on a case by case basis to opt out of their contract over the course of the summer complete the [Junior Housing Waitlist](#) **NO later than March 18, 2020 at 11:59p.m.** Rising Juniors wishing to be added to this list are required to complete their *Housing & Campus Life Contract* and should not consider this a guarantee to live off campus.

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 upcoming 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. **HELPFUL TIP!** If someone wants to live with you, but you do not wish to live with them, treat them with dignity and have that difficult conversation so they may plan accordingly.
4. Consider your building preferences for next year.
5. Determine which meal plans (see rates below) 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.
6. 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 upcoming 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 communicate 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 preferences such as 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

HELPFUL TIP! The Housing & Campus Life Contract is a legally binding document, just like 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 (8/31/2020 - 5/1/2021). The student is therefore urged to read the contents of the Housing & Campus Life Contract carefully.

HELPFUL TIP! 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)	\$ 5,440.00	\$ 2,720.00
17 Meals per week (Including \$230 per semester in Lions Dollars)	\$ 4,794.00	\$ 2,397.00
12 Meals per week (Including \$255 per semester in Lions Dollars)	\$ 4,353.00	\$ 2,176.50
7 Meals per week (Including \$320 per semester in Lions Dollars) *ONLY available to junior and seniors	\$ 2,983.00	\$ 1,491.50

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:

Upperclassmen Housing Options	Year	Semester
HBO (Corridor Style)		
Double	\$ 7,463.00	\$ 3,731.50
Triple	\$ 6,679.00	\$ 3,339.50
Hayes (Suite Style Reserved for Honors Students)		
Double	\$ 8,312.00	\$ 4,156.00
Wireman (Suite Style)		
Single	\$ 10,848.00	\$ 5,424.00
Double	\$ 8,440.00	\$ 4,220.00
Northwest (Suite Style)		
Single (ADA)	\$ 10,848.00	\$ 5,424.00
Double with Private Bath	\$ 8,962.00	\$ 4,481.00
Double	\$ 8,440.00	\$ 4,220.00
Triple	\$ 7,656.00	\$ 3,828.00
Byrum (Suite & Super Suite Style)		
Single	\$ 11,456.00	\$ 5,728.00
Double	\$ 8,770.00	\$ 4,385.00

First Year Housing Options	Year	Semester
Barnhardt (Corridor Style)		
Double	\$ 6,644.00	\$ 3,322.00
Triple (Men Only)	\$ 5,860.00	\$ 2,930.00
Quad (Men Only)	\$ 5,703.00	\$ 2,851.50
Albright (Corridor Style)		
Double	\$ 7,463.00	\$ 3,731.50
Triple	\$ 6,679.00	\$ 3,339.50
Belk (Corridor Style Women Only)		
Double	\$ 7,463.00	\$ 3,731.50
Hayes (Suite Style Reserved for Honors Students)		
Double	\$ 8,312.00	\$ 4,156.00

How are students placed into housing assignments? Is it fair?

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 preferred housing assignments. This is the most fair and equitable way to place students into housing.

Currently classified Seniors returning in the fall 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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I've heard the term squatting... What is squatting?

Eligible *individual* students can select to squat their current room—choose to stay in the *exact* same housing assignment in the fall that they are currently occupying. Only current Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors can squat. Students who began 2020-21 as an entering Freshman are NOT eligible to squat. Students currently occupying the following housing assignments are ineligible to squat:

- Students who began 2020-21 as entering Freshman are NOT eligible to squat
- Any room in Albright, Barnhardt, Belk or Hayes 2nd floor—these are all reserved for entering first year students
- Current suitemates or roommates of Resident Assistants
- Students currently living in Hayes that are not participating in the Honors program
- Wireman students occupying doubles as triples
- The following rooms in HBO: 201, 202, 203, 214, 215, 216
- Any current ADA room including Byrum 622A, 622B, Wireman 121, 144, 221, 244, 321, 344, 421, 444, Northwest 201 and 401.
- **HELPFUL TIP!** Students with approved accommodations are not guaranteed to squat their current assignment.

HELPFUL TIP! 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.

How do I apply to squat?

Eligible squatting students will be able to select whether or not they would like to squat in the & Campus Life Contract.

Sed Min Living Learning Community

The Sed Min Household will remain 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 will remain in Hayes Hall next year. Only those students currently participating in the Honors program at Queens are eligible to live in Hayes next year and can select this option in the Housing & Campus Life Contract.

What if I need housing accommodations?

The Office of Student Accessibility Services and 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.

- **HELPFUL TIP!** Returning student accommodation requests must be submitted by March 20, 2020 at 9am.
- New student accommodation requests must be submitted by June 1, 2020 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.

HELPFUL TIP! Students with approved accommodations are not guaranteed to squat their current assignment.

What if I have an ESA that I would like to bring back to campus in the fall?

The Office of Student Accessibility Services and Residence Life & Housing will work together to grant reasonable accommodations for emotional support animals. Students requesting to return in the fall with an ESA need to contact Dr. Cort Schneider, Director of Student Accessibility Services at (704) 337-2508 or by email at schneiderc@queens.edu.

Can I live with a student from a lower academic 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](#).

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

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

NEW! What if I'm a junior and add myself to the Junior Housing Release Waitlist, when could I expect to hear about being released from my contract?

Juniors on this list could expect to be notified anytime between June 1st and August 29.

Am I eligible for parking next year?

All residential students with the exception of entering Freshman are eligible to park a car on campus next academic year. Priority will be given by class standing. There are a limited number of parking spaces on campus. Residential Parking will not be available once these spaces fill up.

HELPFUL TIP! You will need to be ready to select your parking options for the fall at the time of the Housing & Campus Life Contract. Making changes to your selected options could result in a fee. Please plan accordingly.

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 *2020-21 Housing & Campus Life Contract* between March 11-18, and you will receive instructions and a free \$15 Lyft credit through your Queens email that you can begin using April 1.

HELPFUL TIP! In addition, if you are a residential student and choose not to have a car on campus next year, you are eligible for a free \$25 monthly Lyft credit from Queens that you can use during the 2020-21 academic year. This makes trips uptown, to the grocery store, and to local activities safe and convenient. Please plan accordingly and be prepared to make your selections at the time of the Housing & Campus Life Contract. Lyft credits can be used September through April. Instructions on how to use your credit will be sent to your Queens email address around the time of move in 2020.

HELPFUL TIP! After June 1, students will NOT be eligible to add Lyft credit if they did not already opt out of having a car on campus.

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 Fall 2020. **Graduating Seniors from the class of 2020 are not eligible for**

Summer Housing Options	Single	Double
Session 1 (May 9th - August 1st)	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,200.00
Session 2 (May 9th - June 20th)	\$ 700.00	\$ 525.00
Session 3 (June 20th - August 1st)	\$ 900.00	\$ 675.00

Summer Housing. In addition, student's who are not in good standing with Student Financial Services will NOT receive a housing assignment.

Summer housing selections are due along with the Housing & Campus Life Contract due March 18, 2019 at 11:59pm.

Summer Session 1

- Move-in on Saturday, May 9th from 10am-12pm.
- Transition to fall assignment on Saturday, August 15th from 10am-12pm.
- ANY Student not living on campus for the fall 2020 semester is required to move out of their summer assignment on or before August 1st, 2020 no later than 12pm.

Summer Session 2

- Move-in on Saturday, May 9th from 10am-12pm.
- Move-out on Saturday, June 20th from 10am-12pm.

Summer Session 3

- Move-in on Saturday, June 20th from 10am-12pm.
- Transition to fall assignment on Saturday, August 15th from 10am-12pm.
- ANY Student not living on campus for the fall 2020 semester is required to move out of their summer assignment on or before August 1st, 2020 no later than 12pm.

Important Links:

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

[Gender Neutral Housing Policy](#)

[Senior Housing Request Form](#)

[Junior Housing Waitlist](#)