

Honors Housing Frequently Asked Questions

The responses below are meant to answer frequently asked questions about the Rutgers Honors Housing process. For a comprehensive review of the continuing student housing selection process, please visit the [Residence Life website](#).

Who is eligible to apply for Honors Housing?

Honors students who are in good academic and judicial standing are eligible to apply for Honors Housing in one of our communities, which means students must be actively working toward honors requirements. The housing process for the 2025-26 academic year is open to all honors students, including those from the Engineering Honors Academy, Honors College, School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, and the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Honors Program.

Do I have to live in Honors Housing?

Continuing students do not have to reside in Honors Housing after their first year. This option is available for students who prefer to stay in an Honors Housing Community. However, [Presidential Scholars](#) must remain on campus during their second year.

What Honors Housing options are available?

Honors Housing is available on all campuses except for the Livingston Campus. Housing includes room configurations in doubles, suites, and apartments. All honors students are eligible for all of these options.

- Busch: Thomas Suites, McCormick Suites
- College Ave: University Center at Easton Avenue, Brett Hall
- Cook/Douglass: Newell Apartments (Single Bedroom Options), Jameson Hall (DRC only)

To review the cost of living for each housing option, please visit the [Residence Life rates and billing website](#).

What is the timeline for applying to Honors Housing?

The selection process takes place over the following dates in 2025. *Please note: that all dates may be subject to change so be sure to read all communications sent via Rutgers email.*

- Monday, January 27 - Tuesday, February 11: Housing Selection Application Opens
- Wednesday, February 12: Honors Housing Selection Number Notification
- Monday, February 17: Honors Housing Notification of Selection Date/Time
- Tuesday, February 18: Honors Housing Selection

What steps do I follow to obtain Honors Housing?

- [Complete the Housing Application](#).
- When the Housing Application is complete, you will see and be able to complete the Honors Housing Application.
- When Housing Selection opens, you will select your housing option(s) which will be displayed

based on the number of roommates you provide (e.g., double, suite, apartment).

- You or one of your selected roommates will request your housing option.

How many of my roommates need to fill out the housing application?

Every roommate needs to be an honors student from the Engineering Honors Academy, Honors College, School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, and the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Honors Program. Every roommate must apply for housing and input the name and RUID number of their prospective roommate. This year, each student may request housing alone or up to five roommates in the Honors Housing selection process (for a total of six students in each group).

- Please note, your group size drives what you see in Honors Housing. If you have a group of six, you will only see Thomas Suites as an option.
- If you have a group of four or less, you will see all options available.
- Priority will go to full groups that fill the space you are selecting.
- Please note that you will be assigned a random roommate if you do not fill your space to capacity. While we aim to fill our students in Honors Housing communities, this student is not guaranteed to be an honors student.

Who makes the final decision between housing options?

Once results are released, any roommate can make the final decision to select a housing option, but that decision will apply to all their roommates and will be final. **Only one roommate needs to submit the final decision.** Make sure you discuss your options and come to an agreement before any one of your roommates makes the final selection.

Who receives priority for Honors Housing?

A reverse priority system is used within the Honors Housing selection process, with priority going to rising sophomore students (current first-year students) with roommates, then rising sophomore students without roommates. Class year will be determined by what is listed via your school affiliation when you apply for Honors Housing. Eligibility will also be determined by the lowest housing selection number within the group for juniors and seniors. Reverse priority remains for all class years.

Does applying for a selection number lock me into a housing contract?

Applying for a selection number is an indicator that you would like to be considered for on-campus housing. Your contract is not finalized until you select an actual room assignment. It is better to apply for a selection number even if you are unsure about living on campus next year.

If I don't like the options available to me after the Honors Housing lottery, can I apply for the general lottery?

Yes, your selection number carries over to the general housing process, which takes place after the Honors Housing process. If you don't like the outcome of the Honors Housing process, you can always apply for general housing. Please note that students cannot return to an honors community once they have chosen to participate in the General Housing selection.

What if my roommate leaves or is removed from Honors due to GPA requirements or other

circumstances during the housing selection or after it is finalized?

Your roommate should be in good academic standing when applying to Honors Housing. If a roommate's academic status changes after the housing selection process is finalized, Honors Staff and Residence Life will work with them to accommodate their housing needs.

How do I apply to be a residential student leader?

Students should follow up directly with the office or department that they are connected to inquire about residential student leader applications. Decisions about these positions will be announced after the housing selection process, so be clear with your roommates about your application status and that you may need to remove yourself from your housing selection if you are selected for a position. It is possible to fill your space with another honors student if you need to leave your assignment. To do so, you must contact Residence Life at ruoncampus@rutgers.edu with the updated information.

Specialized Housing Requests & Accommodations

What if I need special housing accommodations for Honors Housing (medical single, no carpet, access to specific bathrooms)? This does not include air-cooled rooms.

If you currently have an existing approved accommodation request on file with [Residence Life](#), you will receive notification from Residence Life. This happens prior to the general Honors Housing selection process. If you miss that process with Residence Life, you should still participate in the Honors Housing selection process and you may be waitlisted for your accommodation.

What if I need to live on College Avenue to accommodate my religious practices?

We understand the impact of how being assigned within walking distance of College Avenue resources will benefit your experience living on-campus. As such, we will make every effort to accommodate your request based on availability of Honors Housing spaces on the College Avenue campus. Please add "College Avenue for Sabbath purposes" in the Special Information section of the application.

If you stay a 5th year, are you still eligible for Honors Housing?

Students are eligible for Honors Housing only if they are undergraduate members of an honors community.

Can I apply to live in both DRC and Honors Housing?

If you decide to select DRC housing, you will automatically be assigned to a DRC living space and cannot apply for or select an assignment in the Honors Housing process. Your acceptance to DRC housing would supersede any subsequent applications and waive your participation in any future selection process. Questions and concerns regarding the DRC selection process may be directed to Ellen Lieberman at ellen.lieberman@rutgers.edu.

Additional Resources:

Rutgers Residence Life

<http://ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/>

On-Campus Rates and Billing:

<http://ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/rates-and-billing/>

Office of Off-Campus Living & Community Partnerships:

<http://ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu/>

Off-Campus Listings Search:

<https://www.places4students.com/Places/School?SchoolID=25pIyw3hW6k%3d>

Questions?

Honors Housing Selection Process: honorshousing@echo.rutgers.edu

General Housing Selection Process: oncampus@rutgers.edu