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Housing Overview

Eligibility requirements

- Students must be enrolled during the Spring 2025 semester to submit a housing application and participate in the lottery for the 2025-2026 academic year.
- Students who are currently withdrawn from the school (including students on a gap semester) and seeking readmission for 2025-2026 may apply for housing, if space is available after the lottery has completed.
- Students must not have any outstanding financial obligations on their student account with no stops on the account.
- Students must be enrolled for the 2025-2026 academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). Any exceptions must be approved by Residence Life.
- Students with outstanding sanctions or judicial incidents which restrict on-campus housing must have clearance from the Associate Dean of Students for Residence Life or designee to participate in the housing lottery.

Group Lottery Process

The Group Lottery Process is how students seeking on-campus housing select their assignments for the upcoming academic year. There are 3 phases to the group lottery process.

Phase 1

Submit a housing application online

Students seeking to participate in the housing lottery are required to submit a housing application at ringling.erezlife.com. All students who submit a housing application before the lottery will be randomly assigned a lottery time slot.

Phase 2

Roommate selection and forming roommate groups

All students who are planning to live in 2, 3, or 4-person spaces are required to create a roommate group. You may create multiple roommate groups to account for a change of plans or housing that may be available during your lottery turn. Students planning to live in Cove or Keating singles do not need to form a roommate group.

Once the housing lottery is complete, changes in roommates are not permitted except for extenuating circumstances approved by Residence Life. If one roommate does not return for the next academic year, the remaining roommates will be reassigned or another student will be assigned to that space. Vacancies are typically filled with students from the waitlist.

Students without roommates will be able to search for other students on ringling.erezlife.com once the housing application is completed. If you know who you want to room with, please skip to "Forming Roommate Groups".

Searching for A Roommate

- Navigate to the "housing" tab on <https://ringling.erezlife.com>.

- Select “My roommate profile”.
 - Be sure to select “turn on my profile” and complete as much information as you are comfortable sharing, including contact information.
- After completing and turning on your profile, select “Roommate search”.
 - You may narrow your search by several criteria, however, you will see far fewer students looking for roommates.
- Once you see a student you would like to connect with, you may request to connect on their profile.

Students with difficulty logging in to their Ringling network account with authentication errors must contact support@ringling.edu.

Forming Roommate Groups

Navigate to the “housing” tab on <https://ringling.erezlife.com>.

- Select “roommate groups”.
- Name your roommate group and add up to 3 students.
 - You must use the full Ringling email of your potential roommate (*roommate@c.ringling.edu*).
 - Your roommate needs to have completed a housing application to be added.
- Once complete, all members of the group must go into their individual account and select the created group as “my choice”.
 - All students in the group must have a green check mark next to their name.
 - The number of people with green check marks indicates the size space you may select from:
 - No group (solo space)
 - 2 green checkmarks (2-person space)
 - 3 green checkmarks (3-person space)
 - 4 green checkmarks (4-person space)

Browsing room openings on eRezLife before your lottery timeslot

Once you have been assigned a lottery appointment, you may begin to browse openings and mark your favorite locations.

- Click on “Housing overview” then “preview room” to begin this process.

It is recommended that you select multiple favorites that match your group size as you will be able to prioritize your favorites during your lottery appointment. You will not be able to select a specific assignment until your housing lottery timeslot. Please watch the video on eRezLife which is located under “Resources” as “Browsing room openings on eRezLife before your lottery timeslot”.

Phase 3

Participating in the housing lottery

The housing lottery occurs in late spring, dates will be emailed to all housing applicants in spring.

Day 1 lottery - Residence Hall lottery for rising sophomores

The first day of the housing lottery is dedicated to residence hall-style housing and rising sophomores.

Buildings that will be available to select from on Day 1 are: Cove (1, 2, and 3-person housing), Ulla Searing Student Center (2-person housing), Goldstein Hall (2 and 3-person housing), and Keating (1 person housing).

- All current first-year students who have submitted a housing application will be randomly assigned to a time slot for the residence hall lottery on day 1.
 - Timeslots are assigned randomly and do not guarantee housing will be available.
- The only available housing on Day 1 are residence halls.
- All residence hall housing requires that students select either a 14 or 19 meal plan.
- If all spaces are filled or a student does not participate in selection, they will be moved to the day 3 lottery for any remaining spaces.

Day 2 lottery - apartment lottery for rising juniors and seniors

Day two of the housing lottery is dedicated to apartment-style housing and rising junior and senior students.

Buildings that will be available to select from on Day 2 include campus houses, Bayou Apartments, Bridge Apartments, Palmer Quadrangle, and 2390 Bradenton Road.

- All rising juniors and seniors will be randomly assigned a lottery time.
 - Timeslots are randomly assigned and do not guarantee housing will be available.
- The only available housing on day 2 will be apartment-style housing.
- Groups may consist of current students from any year level who are enrolled in the current spring semester.

Day 3 lottery - remaining housing inventory

The final lottery day will be for any remaining housing. If no housing remains after Day 1 and Day 2, the final day will be canceled with notice to applicants.

Students unable to select housing during the lottery may join the waitlist.

Selecting housing during your lottery timeslot

Students must log into eRezLife during their appointment time to select from housing that matches their roommate group size. The student with the earliest appointment time should select the housing for the entire group. If multiple students in your roommate group have the same lottery time, only one should select the housing for the entire group. Please watch the video on eRezLife which is located under "Resources" as "8. Selecting your housing during your lottery timeslot".

Any student participating in the lottery must select from housing that matches their group size, for example:

- Group of 4 must select from a 4-person space.
- Group of 3 must select from a 3-person space.
- Group of 2 must select from a 2-person space.
- Students without a group must select from a solo space.

Once assigned, your commitment to living on campus is binding, and you cannot switch to off-campus housing. On-campus housing is not a temporary arrangement; it is intended for those who are committed to living on campus for the entire period of their assignment. **Please ensure that you are ready to make this commitment before finalizing your decision.**

Waitlist

If more students submit their housing applications and participate in the lottery than the total supply of spaces, any student who was unable to select housing will be able to request to be placed on the housing waitlist.

To be placed on the waitlist, the student must submit the Housing Waitlist Form on ringling.erezlife.com.

- Completing this form adds you to the waitlist for on-campus housing.
- Staff will do their best to find you a space on-campus but cannot guarantee that you will receive a room assignment for a particular location.
- By submitting the waitlist request, you agree to be given a room assignment of the **first available space** that may open, regardless of room type or building.
- After you have submitted the Waitlist form and are next in line to receive a room assignment, Residence Life will automatically assign you to the first available bed space.
- Once you have received a room assignment, the system will generate an automatic email to your Ringling email address outlining where you have been assigned and how to check your roommate information. You may also check for this information in your Housing Portal.
- Please note that if you are assigned to a room, you will be held to the Housing Agreement and will not be released from said Agreement for any reason outside of the agreed upon terms.

Removal from the waitlist

- BEFORE receiving a room assignment, if you wish to remove yourself from the waitlist, please reach out to the Residence Life Office via email at reslife@ringling.edu and you will be released without penalty.
- If we cannot assign you to a room before the start of the term, the office will reach out to see if you would like to remain on the waitlist after the semester begins. If you do not wish to remain on the waitlist at that time, the office will remove you from the list without penalty.

Disability housing accommodations and emotional support animals

Students wishing to request disability housing accommodations or emotional support animals must complete the appropriate form on ringling.erezlife.com (Disability Housing Accommodation Request Form or Emotional Support Animal Request Form) **no later than March 1**. This includes students who have accommodations/ESAs for the current year.

Canceling your housing

Do not complete a housing application or participate in the housing lottery unless you are committed to living on campus the entire academic year. Once the housing application is

completed, the student is bound to this agreement and will be required to carry out the financial commitment for the term of the application for both Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 semester(s) once a housing space is assigned. Per the housing application conditions, the only reasons a student may be released from financial liabilities are as follows:

- Permanent academic dismissal of the student from Ringling College of Art and Design.
- Complete and permanent withdrawal by the student from Ringling College of Art and Design before the opening of the semester.

Study abroad

Students studying abroad during the spring semester and who are interested in housing for next year, are required to fill out the housing application. Students studying abroad will be assigned a spot in the housing lottery in the same manner as all other students.

Communication

Communication about the housing lottery will be sent to your Ringling email address. Please make sure to check your email regularly so you don't miss anything important.

Consolidation policy

Residence Life reserves the right to consolidate available spaces to accommodate requests for full occupancy of a space. Students who reside in spaces where vacancies occur should understand that they may be assigned a roommate at any time, or be relocated to consolidate students for the upcoming semester.

Student withdrawals and dismissals

Any student who withdraws or is dismissed from Ringling will result in an automatic withdrawal from housing. If a student is later reinstated, they will be assigned housing at the time of reinstatement or placed on the waitlist.

Notification of roommates

Students who withdraw from Ringling coursework for any reason are responsible for notifying their roommates. The College will immediately assign the canceled spaces to students on the waitlist, if applicable. It is important to remember that the assignment process that places students into housing openings happens quickly.

Meal plans

The following locations require that returning students select from either the 14 or 19 meal plans for the entire academic year. The default meal plan is 19 meals per week.

- Ulla Searing Student Center
- Cove
- Keating Hall
- Goldstein Hall (only returning upper-class students may select from a 14-meal plan)

Students who are housed in any apartment or campus house with a kitchen are not required to purchase a meal plan, but may choose to select from any of the available [options](#) by emailing

reslife@ringling.edu. Any meal plan purchase may not be lowered or removed between the fall and spring semesters.

Meal plan changes are only permitted through the completion of the drop/add week at the beginning of the semester.

Cost

The current costs for housing and meal plans are located at www.ringling.edu/tuition. It is good practice to estimate a 4-6% increase yearly when creating your budget.