



## ***Eligibility Requirements***

Before applying for housing for 2026–2027, make sure you meet the following requirements:

- Enrolled for Spring 2026 to enter the 2026–2027 housing lottery
  - Students seeking readmission for Fall 2026 may apply for housing after the lottery concludes.
  - Non-enrolled students may not join roommate groups; housing offers are space-available after spring semester ends
- Must have all financial obligations and account holds cleared.
- Must plan to enroll for the full 2026–2027 academic year; exceptions require Residence Life approval
- Conduct-related housing restrictions require clearance from the Associate Dean of Students for Residence Life (or designee)

## ***Housing Lottery Process***

The Housing Lottery Process is used to select on-campus housing assignments for the upcoming academic year. The lottery has three phases:

### **Phase 1**

#### **Submit a Housing Application Online**

The 2026-2027 housing application is open February 1, 2026 - March 6, 2026.

- Students must submit a housing application at [ringling.erezlife.com](http://ringling.erezlife.com).
- All applicants who complete the application before the lottery will receive a randomly assigned time slot.

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

## Phase 2 Roommate Selection and Forming Roommate Groups (when applicable)

Applicants may begin searching for and forming roommate groups immediately after submitting a housing application. Students applying for Cove or Keating singles do not form a roommate group.

Students planning to live in 2-, 3-, or 4-person spaces must form a roommate group. Multiple groups may be created as backup options.

### Searching for a Roommate

1. Go to the **Housing** tab in eRezLife.
  2. Select **My Roommate Profile**, turn on your profile, and complete your information.
  3. Select **Roommate search** and use filters if desired.
  4. Request to connect with students you are interested in rooming with.
- Students experiencing login or authentication issues must contact support@ringling.edu.

### Forming Roommate Groups

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

1. Go to the Housing tab and select Roommate groups. Note: All students you wish to add to your group need to complete a housing application before the March 6 deadline.
2. Create and name your group; add up to three roommates using their full @c.ringling.edu email.
3. All students must select the group as **My choice**.
4. Group size is confirmed by the number of green check marks:
  - No group = solo space
  - 2 green checks = 2-person space
  - 3 green checks = 3-person space
  - 4 green checks = 4-person space

### Browsing room openings on eRezLife before your lottery timeslot

Once lottery appointments are assigned, students may preview available spaces:

- Select Housing overview → Preview room
- Save multiple favorites that match your group size

A preview video is available in eRezLife under Resources.

After the lottery, roommate changes are only permitted in extenuating circumstances approved by Residence Life. If a roommate does not return, remaining students may be reassigned or a new roommate may be placed from the waitlist.

## Phase 3 Participating in The Housing Lottery

The housing lottery will occur in late spring, typically after spring break.

## **Day 1 Lottery - Residence Hall Lottery for Rising Sophomores**

Day 1 is reserved for residence hall-style housing selections by rising sophomores.

### **Residence Halls Available**

- Cove (1-, 2-, and 3-person units) Ulla  
Searing Student Center (2-person units)
- Goldstein Hall (2- and 3-person units)
- Keating (1-person units)

### **Eligibility**

All currently enrolled first-year students who have submitted a housing application before March 6.

### **Process**

- Students will be randomly assigned a selection time slot.
- Time slots do not guarantee that housing will remain available.
- Only residence hall spaces are available on Day 1.
- Students selecting a residence hall assignment must choose either a **14** or **19** meal plan.
- Students who do not select a space on Day 1 will be moved to Day 3 for remaining options, if any, or moved to the waitlist by request.

## **Day 2 Lottery - Apartment Lottery for Rising Juniors and Seniors**

Day 2 is reserved for apartment-style housing selections by rising juniors and seniors.

### **Apartments Available**

- Campus Houses
- Bayou Apartments
- Bridge Apartments
- Palmer Quadrangle
- 2390 Bradenton Road

### **Eligibility**

All currently enrolled rising juniors and seniors who have submitted a housing application before March 6. Note: non-enrolled students are not eligible.

### **Process**

- Students will be randomly assigned a time slot.
- Time slots do not guarantee that housing will remain available.
- Only apartment-style housing is available on Day 2.
- Groups may include students from any class year who are enrolled for Spring 2026.

## **Day 3 lottery - Remaining Housing Inventory**

The final lottery day will only occur if housing remains after Day 1 and Day 2. If no spaces are left, the final day will be canceled and applicants will be notified. Students who are unable to secure a space during the lottery may join the waitlist.

## Selecting Housing During Your Lottery Timeslot

During your assigned timeslot, you must log into eRezLife to select from available housing that matches your confirmed roommate group size. The student with the earliest appointment time selects the space for the entire group. If multiple members of a group share the same appointment time, only one person should complete the selection. A step-by-step video is available in eRezLife under **Resources** → **Selecting your housing during your lottery timeslot**.

### Group size requirements:

- Groups of 4 must select a 4-person space
- Groups of 3 must select a 3-person space
- Groups of 2 must select a 2-person space
- Students without a group must select solo space

Once a student selects a housing assignment, the commitment to live on campus becomes **binding**. Students may not switch to off-campus housing later. On-campus housing is intended for those who plan to remain on campus for the full duration of their assignment. Please be certain that you are ready to make this commitment before confirming your selection.

## Waitlist

If more students apply for housing and participate in the lottery than there are available spaces, students who were unable to select housing can request to be placed on the housing waitlist. To join the waitlist, submit the **Housing Waitlist Form** at [ringling.erezlife.com](http://ringling.erezlife.com).

Residence Life staff will do their best to find you a space on campus, but we cannot guarantee a room in a specific building or of a specific type. By submitting the waitlist form, you agree to accept the first available space that opens, regardless of room type or building.

Once you are next in line for a room, Residence Life will automatically assign you to the first available bed. You will receive an email at your Ringling address with your room assignment and instructions for checking your roommate information. You can also view this information in your Housing Portal.

Please note: Once assigned, you are responsible for the Housing Agreement and cannot be released from it except under the terms outlined in the agreement.

### Removing Yourself from the Waitlist

Before receiving a room assignment, you may remove yourself from the waitlist without penalty by emailing Residence Life at [reslife@ringling.edu](mailto:reslife@ringling.edu).

If a room is not available before the start of the term, Residence Life will contact you to see if you want to remain on the waitlist after the semester begins. If you choose not to remain on the waitlist at that time, you will be removed without penalty.

## ***Additional Information***

### **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](http://ringling.erezlife.com) (Disability Housing Accommodation Request Form or Emotional Support Animal Request Form) no later than March 1. Disability housing accommodations and emotional support animal requests are required to be renewed each academic year.

Students with approved disability housing accommodations will be assigned a lottery time that will allow them to select a space that meets the approved accommodation.

### **Cancelling Housing**

Do not complete a housing application or select housing during the 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 2026 and Spring 2027 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.

### **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](mailto: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.

**Housing and Meal Plan Costs**

The current costs for housing and meal plans are located at [www.ringling.edu/tuition](http://www.ringling.edu/tuition). We encourage students to estimate a 4-6% increase when budgeting for the upcoming academic year.

**Floor Plans**

Floor plans and photos are available on [ringling.erezlife.com](http://ringling.erezlife.com) under Resources separated by location.

**Study Abroad**

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

**Consolidation Policy**

The Office of 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.

**Withdrawals and Dismissals**

Any student who withdraws or is dismissed after selecting housing forfeits their housing assignment. The housing assignment is removed and reassigned to a student on waitlist. Students who are readmitted or reinstated are assigned housing at the time of reinstatement or placed on the waitlist, pending availability.