Freshman Housing Application Steps and Timeline

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In order to secure housing, students must complete the following required steps. So that we can be fair to all students, assignments are made based on the date (not time stamped) the student secures housing, demand and availability.

1. Accept Cal Poly's offer of admission.
Only students who "accept" their offer of admission will be able to apply for campus housing.

2. Apply and pay the initial payment online.
The 2018-19 housing application opens mid-March. Once a student accepts their offer of admission to Cal Poly, allow one to two business days for the housing application to become available.

Apply and pay at University Housing single-click access through the Cal Poly Portal.

Students who are not 18 years of age at the time of application will need to enter a cosigner's email address in the online application. The cosigner will receive an email prompting them to complete the signature step. The cosigner must complete this step for the student to secure housing.

The total housing and dining plan initial payment is $TBD (we will have this in Feb.); the housing portion is $500, the dining portion is $TBD. These fees are refundable in full to students who cancel 30 days prior to move-in (Aug. 8, 2018).

For complete payment information, view our Freshman Student Housing Payment webpage.

All payments are handled by Student Accounts: 805-756-1428. View payment methods on the Student Accounts webpage.

You can check the status of your application by re-accessing your housing application.

Timeline of Important Dates

Once you have secured housing, note these important dates for the academic year. Dates & times are subject to change. Check the University Housing calendar webpage for updates.

- **May 7, 2018**
  Last day to edit the 2018-19 housing application. Access the application through University Housing single-click access on the Cal Poly Portal to view/edit. Application edits do not change the date that housing was secured.

- **Aug. 4-10, 2018**
  Pay the remaining balance of the academic year housing and dining plan fees or do nothing and be automatically enrolled in the housing installment payment plan and dining installment payment plan. A $21 installment payment plan fee applies for each plan.

- **Aug. 6, 2018**
  Room assignments viewable at 9 a.m. via University Housing single-click access on the Cal Poly Portal.

- **Aug. 8, 2018**
  Last day to cancel campus housing without financial penalty (30 days prior to move-in.)
Before move-in
Submit your Emergency/Medical Information in the Cal Poly Portal: emergency contact information on the Personal Info tab; medical information in the Heath Portal.

- **Sept. 1, 2018**
  First housing & dining installment payment due

- **Sept. 14-15, 2018 (TBD)**
  Fall Opening - Assisted Move-in Days

- **Sept. 16-19, 2018**
  Week of Welcome (WOW) new student orientation

- **Sept. 20, 2018**
  First day of fall quarter classes

- **Oct. 1, 2018**
  Second housing & dining installment payments due

- **Nov. 1, 2018**
  Third housing & dining installment payments due

- **Nov. 19-23, 2018**
  Thanksgiving break: campus housing remains open

- **Dec. 1, 2018**
  Fourth housing & dining installment payments due

- **Dec. 6, 2018**
  Last day to cancel winter/spring 2019 Housing & Dining License Agreement without financial penalty

- **Dec. 15, 2018**
  End of fall quarter housing period. Residence halls and apartments close for winter break. Students may leave their belongings, but must vacate their rooms and apartments by 12 p.m. (Take valuables, medications, passports/IDs and other items with you. Residence halls and apartment buildings are locked during the break, and there is a charge to be escorted for emergency entry.)

- **Jan. 1, 2019**
  Fifth housing & dining installment payments due

- **Jan. 5-6, 2019**
  Campus housing opens for winter quarter. Students can return any time after noon.

- **Jan. 7, 2019**
  First day of winter quarter classes

- **Feb. 1, 2019**
  Sixth housing & dining installment payments due

- **March 1, 2019**
  Seventh housing & dining installment payments due. Last day to cancel Spring 2019 housing without financial penalty.

- **March 25-29, 2019**
  Spring break: campus housing remains open.

- **March 31, 2019**
  Spring move-in

- **April 2, 2019**
  Spring classes begin

- **June 16, 2019**
  End of academic year housing contract. Students must vacate their rooms by noon.
2018-19 fees and dates are proposed and subject to Executive Order and Board of Trustees approval.