First-year Housing Application Steps and Timeline

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In order to secure housing, students must complete the following steps. So that we can be fair to all students, room selection is based on the date (not time) 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 2019-20 housing application typically 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 through University Housing in the Cal Poly Portal.

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

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

The total housing and dining plan initial payment is $1,500; the housing portion is $500, the dining portion is $1,000. These fees are refundable in full to students who cancel 30 days prior to move-in (Aug. 15, 2019).

For complete payment information, view our First-year Student Housing Fees webpage. All payments are handled by Student Accounts.

Timeline of Important Dates

Once you have secured housing, note these important dates. Dates and times are subject to change. Check the University Housing Calendar for updates.

- **May 1-7, 2019**
  Log back into your housing application to verify your housing and roommate preferences. May 7 is the last day to edit your preferences. Application edits do not change the date that housing was secured.

- **May 7, 2019**
  Last day to secure housing and be eligible for the room selection process. Applications received after this date will be assigned to rooms by University Housing in July.

- **June 3, 2019**
  Students who have secured housing by May 7 receive an email with the date and time of their room selection appointment.

- **June 2019**
  Students assign themselves into their rooms on or after their room selection appointment. Students who do not select a room by June 20 will be assigned by Housing staff.

- **July 26 - Aug. 14, 2019 (Tentative)**
  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 may apply for each plan.

- **Aug. 6, 2019**
  Students can view room assignments and roommates at 9 a.m. via University Housing on the Cal Poly Portal.

- **Aug. 15, 2019**
  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 Health Portal.

- **Sept. 1, 2019**
  First housing & dining installment payment due

- **Sept. 14, 2019**
  Fall Opening - Assisted Move-in Day

- **Mid-September: Dates TBA**
  Week of Welcome (WOW) new student orientation

- **Sept. 19, 2019**
  First day of fall quarter classes

- **Oct. 1, 2019**
  Second housing & dining installment payments due

- **Nov. 1, 2019**
  Third housing & dining installment payments due

- **Nov. 25 - Dec. 1, 2019**
  Thanksgiving break: campus housing remains open

- **Dec. 1, 2019**
  Fourth housing & dining installment payments due

- **Dec. 5, 2019**
  Last day to cancel winter/spring 2020 Housing & Dining License Agreement without financial penalty

- **Dec. 14, 2019**
  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, 2020**
  Fifth housing & dining installment payments due

- **Jan. 4-5, 2020**
  Campus housing opens for winter quarter. Students can return any time after noon.

- **Jan. 6, 2020**
  First day of winter quarter classes

- **Feb. 1, 2020**
  Sixth housing & dining installment payments due

- **March 1, 2020**
  Seventh housing & dining installment payments due.
  Last day to cancel Spring 2019 housing without financial penalty.

- **March 24-29, 2020**
  Spring break: campus housing remains open.
March 29, 2020
Spring move-in

March 30, 2020
Spring classes begin

April 1, 2020
Final housing and dining installment payment due

June 14, 2020
End of academic year housing contract. Students must vacate their rooms by noon.

2019-20 fees and dates are proposed and subject to Executive Order and Board of Trustees approval.