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 appointments are based on a lottery.

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 2020-21 housing application typically opens March 11. 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 portal.

   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. 13, 2020).

   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-June 1, 2020**
  Log back into your housing application to verify your housing and roommate preferences. June 1 is the last day to edit your preferences.

- **June 1, 2020**
  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-July 2020 (Tentative)**
  Students assign themselves into their rooms on or after their room selection appointment. Students who do not select a room during room selection will be assigned by Housing staff.

- **Aug. 11, 2020**
  Students can view room assignments and roommates at 9 a.m. via University Housing on the Cal Poly Portal. Housing fees post to Student Account.

- **Aug. 13, 2020**
  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, 2020**
  First housing & dining installment payment due

- **Sept. 11-12, 2020**
  New Student Move-in
  Friday, Sept. 11: North Mountain, Yosemite, Sierra Madre
  Saturday, Sept. 12: yakʔitʸu and South Mountain

- **Sept. 13-20, 2020**
  Week of Welcome (WOW) new student orientation

- **Sept. 17, 2020**
  First day of fall quarter classes

- **Oct. 1, 2020**
  Second housing & dining installment payments due

- **November 2020 (Tentative)**
  Apply for 2021-22 campus housing.

- **Nov. 1, 2020**
  Third housing & dining installment payments due

- **Nov. 23-29, 2020**
  Thanksgiving break: campus housing remains open

- **Dec. 1, 2020**
  Fourth housing & dining installment payments due

- **Dec. 4, 2020**
  Last day to cancel winter/spring 2020 Housing & Dining License Agreement without financial penalty

- **Dec. 12, 2020**
  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 24 hours after last final or by 5 p.m on Dec. 12. (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 in for emergency entry.)

- **Jan. 1, 2021**
  Fifth housing & dining installment payments due.

- **Jan. 3, 2021**
  Campus housing opens for winter quarter. Students can return any time after noon.

- **Jan. 4, 2021**
  First day of winter quarter classes.

- **Feb. 1, 2021**
  Sixth housing & dining installment payments due.

- **March 1, 2021**
  Seventh housing & dining installment payments due.
  Last day to cancel Spring 2020 housing without financial penalty.

- **March 23-28, 2021**
  Spring break: campus housing remains open.

- **March 24, 2021**
  Move-out for end of winter cancels.
March 25, 2021
Move-in for new Spring residents.

March 29, 2021
Spring classes begin.

April 1, 2021
Eighth housing and dining installment payment due.

May 1, 2021
Final housing and dining installment payment due.

June 13, 2021
End of academic year housing contract. Students must vacate their rooms by 5 p.m. or 24 hours after their last exam.

2020-21 fees and dates are proposed and subject to Executive Order and Board of Trustees approval.