

Housing *Timeline*

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Right Now

- › Look at the university's housing website to find out when applications are due for returning students.
- › Have your student ask an upperclassman when apartments start to fill up (try their RA or a Teaching Assistant from one of their classes). This varies by area, so the inside scoop is valuable. Don't be surprised if it is early!
- › If you're attending family weekend this fall – consider touring a few off-campus communities together.



By Mid-Term

- › Have them start talking to potential roommates if they haven't already.
- › Have a good idea what types of housing are available, and in some rental markets should already have started looking for a place.



Thanksgiving Break

- › **If your student wants to live on campus:** Encourage them to check out the different residence halls and on-campus apartments.
- › **If your student wants to live off campus:** Rental search time!
 - › Start by deciding on a budget for next year's housing. Check out our helpful [worksheet](#).
 - › Browse apartment websites with your student (their university may have a search portal) and point out the features that they may not have top of mind, but you know are important.
 - › They can also be talking to upper-level students about which neighborhoods and buildings are desirable and which they should avoid.



Winter Break

- › Your student should know where they want to live, and in some areas should be ready to sign a lease (review the lease with them).
- › Check out our [glossary of lease terms](#) and our [property-viewing checklist](#).



Spring

- › Complete the housing process with the university or sign a lease.
- › Your student should make a plan for moving and/or storing their belongings.

