

First Year Housing Application 2026-2027 Instructions

This application is for full-time first-year undergraduate students who will be attending the University of Rochester in the Fall 2026.

[# StarRez Portal](#) ← hyperlink

1. Home Page

University of Rochester Students (incoming first-year students included) already have an account. To log in, click "Login" in the top left corner of the navigation.



Home

First Year Housing Applications

The housing application for incoming First Year students will be open early May. Information will be posted on students' MyRoc account once the application is live.

2. Login

Click the "ROCHESTER- Student SSO Login"



Login

Login Instructions:

If you can log into UR Student, use SSO login. If you registered for Summer Special Programs or are a Graduate & Family Housing applicant (and cannot log into UR Student yet), use the text boxes below to log in.

See above for instructions

Username

Password

Remember Login for 1 day(s)

[Forgotten password](#)
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Login

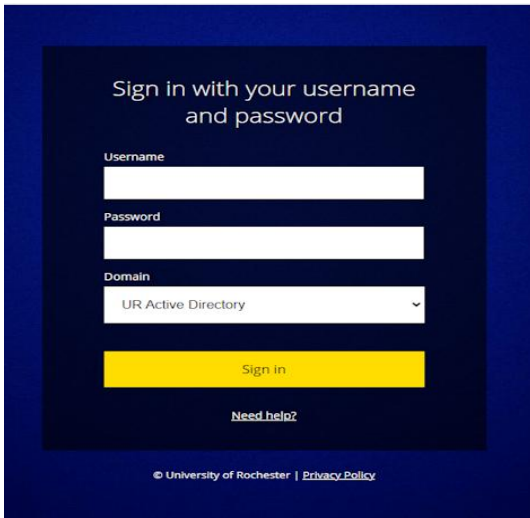
Login with an external service:

ROCHESTER - Student SSO Login



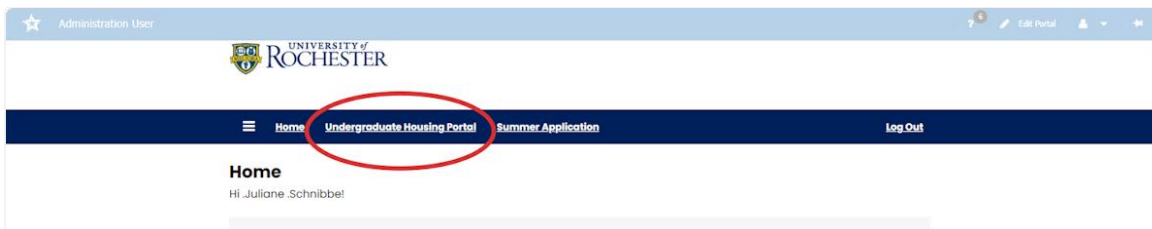
3. Login Information

Your username and password are your Active Directory credentials. Select "UR Active Directory" for the Domain



4. Undergraduate Housing Portal

Once logged in, click on the Undergraduate Housing Portal to access your application.



5. 2026-27 Undergraduate Housing

Click "Apply" to start your application. The roommate matching pages are available until June 1st, the priority deadline. Requests after June 1st can be emailed to housingassignments@reslife.rochester.edu, but they are not guaranteed.

On-Campus Housing

Please select a contract and term below to start or continue with your application.

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6. Housing Information

Please read this page carefully and then click Continue.

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First Year Housing Information

The Housing Application for incoming First Year students will be available on May 1, 2026 after enrollment deposits are submitted.

On-campus living at the University of Rochester is a major part of the college experience. Most students call the campus home for their entire four years. First and second year students are required to live on campus.

The First-Year Hill, including Susan B. Anthony and Genesee Halls, is located near Rush Rhees Library and features taller tower-style buildings close to athletics and dining services.

The Quad, including Gilbert, Tiernan, and Lovejoy Halls, sits on the traditional Residential Quad near Wilson Commons and the center of campus.

Most first-year students will share a double room with another first-year student; however, there also are a limited number of single rooms. Students can indicate an interest to live in single rooms or affinity housing as a first-year student.

While triple rooms have been utilized in the past, it is based on class size need. Late applications after June 1st may be considered for triple rooms if needed.

Meal Plans All students (first-year through seniors) must be on a meal plan even if living off-campus or commuting from home. If a student opts to live off-campus or the student will be billed for the commuter dining option.

For answers to any questions concerning meal plans, please email: mealplans@services.rochester.edu.

Student Leadership Opportunity First-Year EcoReps is a unique 2 credit leadership program that provides students at the University of Rochester an opportunity to both learn about and educate their peers on sustainability. This program allows students to move in early; create bulletin boards regarding sustainability in their dorms; and form connections with like-minded peers and greater Rochester community members. The EcoReps program is open to all majors, as sustainability is an interdisciplinary issue. Learn More & Apply Eco Rep Website: <https://urecoreps.wixsite.com/2024>

Continue

7. Home Residence

All Students are required to live on campus during their first two years at the University. However, students from the Rochester area who would like to commute from home (living with their parents or legal guardians) may do so. This group should select Yes in the question below. All other students should select "No" to proceed to the rest of the housing application. If you have questions, please email housingassignments@reslife.rochester.edu.

Home Residence

First Year students whose family home is in the greater Rochester area (Monroe County) have the ability to opt to live off-campus.

If you would like to opt to live at your home residence, please select YES in the dropdown below. You will then be redirected to the meal plan information.

Be aware that Residential Life will check to confirm your family's residence is in the greater Rochester area.

Save & Continue

8. Personal Details

Please read this page carefully. Students with questions about gender-inclusive housing or who need assistance may email Juliane Schnibbe, Director of Student Housing Administration. Juliane.Schnibbe@rochester.edu

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Personal Details

First Name

.David

Preferred Name

David

Last Name

.Bowie

Date of Birth

1/8/1947

Student Number

01234567

Cell Phone (Required)

Gender (this will be visible when roommates search for you) (Required)

The questions below will not be shared with potential roommates or other students. They will be reviewed by Residential Life Staff members only.

Gender-inclusive housing seeks to provide an environment that is welcoming to all gender identities and is not limited to the traditional gender binary (men and women). We recognize that transgender people are included in all of the gender options provided above. Due to restrictions within the software, we are limited in the options we can offer and it is not possible to select multiple options. We added the "transgender person" option for those who wish to indicate this part of their identity. Based on student feedback, we have added a question that allows students to indicate more about their gender than the check boxes allow so that we are able to create roommate pairings that create the best possible experience for students of all genders.

Gender Comfortable Living With (Required)

If you identify as a member of the trans or non-binary community, please share any information you would like staff to have (ex: if you would like to share that you are a trans man or trans woman).

Will you be submitting a medical accommodation? (Required)

Method of Transportation On Move-In Day (Required)

Save & Continue

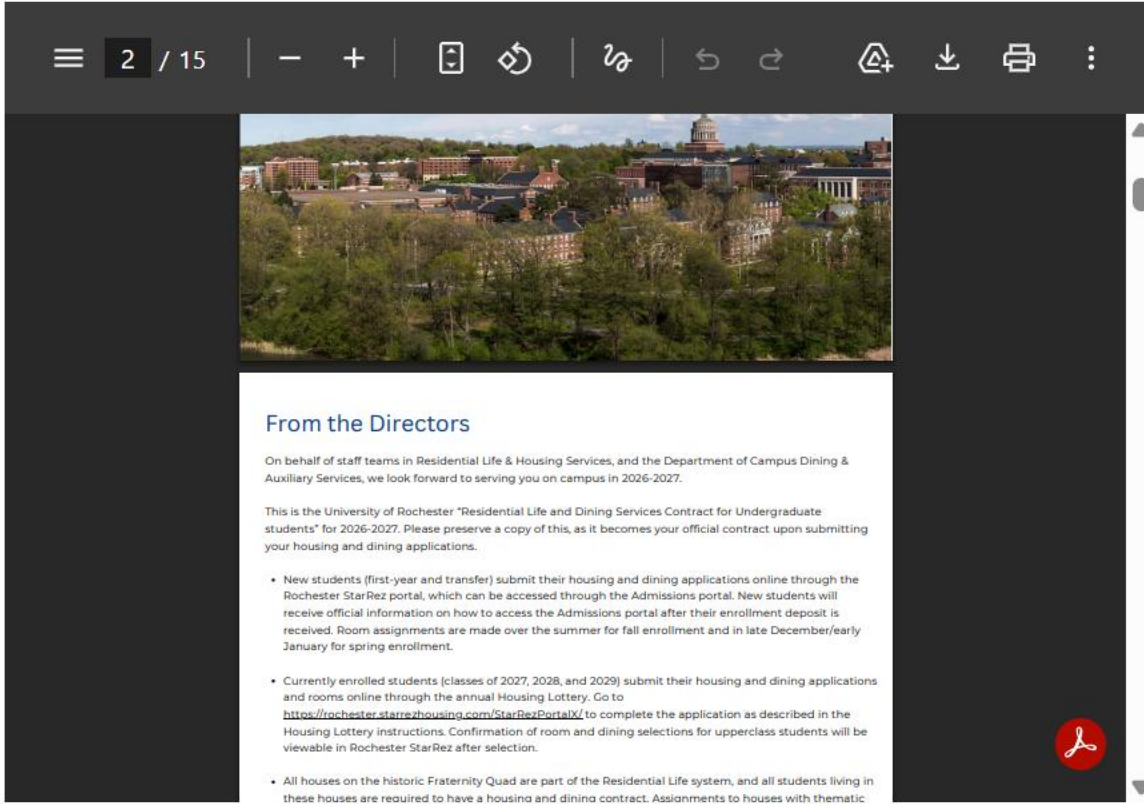
9. Housing Contract

This page has the pdf for the housing contract. You may review it on this page, download it, or print it. After you preview it, write your student ID number in the text box to sign the contract. Then click "Save & Continue" under the text box.

Housing Application/Contract

Before submitting the housing contract, it is imperative that all students read the entire 2026-27 Residential Life Housing Contract located below.

Students are responsible for knowing and following all policy and fire safety information. Failure to do so may result in conduct action, fees, or removal from residential housing.



The screenshot shows a PDF viewer interface. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with icons for menu, page number (2 / 15), zoom in (+), zoom out (-), search, rotate, link, undo, redo, refresh, download, print, and a vertical ellipsis. Below the navigation bar is a large image of a university campus with green trees and brick buildings. Underneath the image is a white text box with the heading "From the Directors". The text reads: "On behalf of staff teams in Residential Life & Housing Services, and the Department of Campus Dining & Auxiliary Services, we look forward to serving you on campus in 2026-2027. This is the University of Rochester "Residential Life and Dining Services Contract for Undergraduate students" for 2026-2027. Please preserve a copy of this, as it becomes your official contract upon submitting your housing and dining applications." Below this text is a bulleted list of instructions for students regarding application submission and room assignments. A red Adobe PDF icon is visible in the bottom right corner of the document area.

By entering your Student ID number below you acknowledge that you have read, and understand, the above contract and agree to the terms.

Save & Continue

10. Housing Questionnaire

Please complete the housing questionnaire based on yourself and your living habits. Once you have finished, click Save & Continue at the bottom of the page.

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Housing Questionnaire

Visible Questions

All dropdown questions will be visible to other students viewing your profile on the roommate search tools

Set Your Roommate Search Screen Name (this is the name students will enter to find your profile). (Required)

First Year Questionnaire

Do you have an allergy?

Are you a smoker?

Are you substance free?

11. Roommate Selection Tools

You can select roommates through various methods. Mutual roommate requests are due by June 2nd. Otherwise, roommates will be assigned based on housing questionnaires if you don't choose your own.

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Incoming 1st Yr Roommate Selection

You have not selected any roommates
Roommate searching options are below to the right.

For students who plan to live in triple rooms, you can create groups of up to 2 students.

- Make sure the "Display in roommate search results" is checked at the bottom of the roommate matching questionnaire
- Uncheck the "Exclude results that cannot be added or joined" box on this page
- Make sure your intended roommate(s) have submitted the housing contract. Student's are only searchable if they have.
- If the issue persists, email housingassignments@reslife.rochester.edu for assistance

Do I have to select a roommate?

Requesting a roommate is optional. If you would like to choose your roommate, you must mutually request each other by June 2nd.

If you do not request a roommate, Housing will assign a random roommate to you based on your roommate questionnaire.

[Search for Roommates by Details](#)
[Suggest Roommates](#)

Save & Continue

12. Suggest Roommate Page

On this page, you'll see roommate suggestions based on match percentage. All gender identities will show. Click "view profile" to see students' answers to the viewable housing questionnaire.

You can also send a message to students via this page. Messages are only viewable to you and to the student you messaged. Click "Send Roommate Request" if you'd like to request someone to be your roommate. They must go to the Roommate Selection page on their application to accept or decline. You will only be paired together if they accept by June 1st.

Suggested Roommates

[Manage Group](#) [Search Roommate Groups](#) [Search for Roommates by Details](#) [Search for Roommates by Roommate Profiles](#)

The screenshot displays three suggested roommate profiles. Each profile includes a placeholder image, a match percentage (62%, 57%, and 55% respectively), and three action buttons: 'Send Roommate Request' (yellow), 'Send Message' (blue), and 'View Profile' (blue).

13. Roommate Search By Details

If you have a specific roommate in mind, you can search for their name on this page.

Roommate Search By Details

Tip: If you are experiencing difficulties finding your intended roommate(s), try the following things:

- Make sure the "Display in roommate search results" is checked at the bottom of the roommate matching questionnaire
- Uncheck the "Exclude results that cannot be added or joined" box on this page
- Make sure your intended roommate(s) have submitted the housing contract. Student's are only searchable if they have.

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Search By Web Screen Name:

Exclude results that cannot be added or joined

[Roommate Management Page](#) [Search](#)

[Suggest Roommates](#)

14. Roommate Requests

On this page, you can see the requests you have sent to your roommate. You can request up to two people. To be housed together, all roommates must accept the request.

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Incoming 1st Yr Roommate Selection

Do I have to select a roommate?
Requesting a roommate is optional. If you would like to choose your roommate, you must mutually request each other by June 1st.
If you do not request a roommate, Housing will assign a random roommate to you based on your roommate questionnaire.

[Delete Group](#) [Search for Roommates by Details](#)
[Suggest Roommates](#)

David Bowie (Group Leader) [View Profile](#)

Outgoing Requests

Kurt Cobain
Age: 59
Classification: First Year
Gender: Male
Description: Drawing, writing, playing guitar, singing, thrifting, listening to obscure music
Expiry Date: 5/7/2026 23:16

[Cancel](#)

[Save & Continue](#)

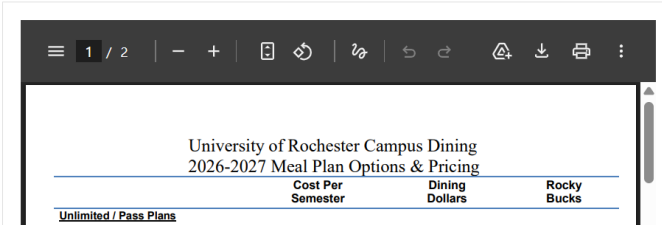
15. Meal Plans

Please read this page carefully and select the meal plan you want for the Fall 2026 semester, you can only submit on the application once. Changes will need to be made with Dining Services.

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Meal Plan Selection

All students are required to have a meal plan for the 2026-27 academic year.
Students cannot edit their meal plans in StarRez after submitting.



	Cost Per Semester	Dining Dollars	Rocky Bucks
Unlimited / Pass Plans			

16. Rocky Bucks

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Rocky Bucks Selection

Rocky Bucks (Required)

[Save & Continue](#)

17. Early Decision & International Students

This page is for Early Decision (ED I & II) and international students only. All other students should click “**Save & Continue**” to submit the housing application. Move-in day and time selection will open on Monday, July 6. Early Decision and international students will be pre-assigned a move-in time but may update it using the move-in scheduler.

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Early Decision and International Students

Early Decision and International Students Only

For Early Decision (I & II) and International students only. Responses must be submitted by June 1 and will be verified with ISO and Admissions; others will not be considered. All other students should click Save & Continue to proceed.

Early Decision (I & II):

Early Decision students may indicate a preference for move-in day and living area (First-Year Hill or First-Year Quad). **Specific building requests are not accepted.**

For move-in, you will be assigned a time within your selected window:

- Morning: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Afternoon: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Starting Monday, July 6, you may adjust your time within StarRez to any available slot on Monday or Tuesday. **Early Decision students who are also international students must select their move-in day in the International Student section.**

Early Decision Students: Area Preference

Early Decision Students: Move In Date

International Students:

International students must move in on Monday, August 24, 2026 for Orientation. You will be assigned a Monday move-in time within the time block you preference:

- Morning (between 9 am - noon)
- Afternoon (between noon - 4 pm)
- 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.


The 4:00–8:00 p.m. time slot is **only** for students arriving by transportation other than a personal vehicle (e.g., taxi, shuttle, rideshare). Students arriving in a personal vehicle are not eligible to move in after 4 pm. You will be able to check in and receive your room key, but move-in assistance will not be available (you must carry your own belongings). If you expect to arrive after 8:00 p.m., select the after 4:00 p.m. option. After-hours arrival instructions will be shared in August.

Your move-in time will be available in StarRez starting Monday, July 6. You may adjust your time within Monday if other options are available. Tuesday move-in is not permitted for international students, as it conflicts with required Orientation.


International Students: Move In Time


18. Application Submitted

This is the confirmation page for your application that has been submitted. You may go back to the roommate selection tool pages until June 1st.

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Application Submitted

Your On-Campus Housing Application has been submitted.

First-Year housing assignments will be sent on Monday, July 6th. First-Year applications received after July 6th will receive assignments on a rolling basis throughout July.

If you have any questions, please email housingassignments@reslife.rochester.edu