

## 2025-2026

# **Self-Selection Guide for First-Year Students**

Important Dates				
Dates	Events			
February 28th	Priority deadline for Medical Accommodation Requests			
April 1st	Housing Application Opens  New Students will have full access to the application.  Sign Your Contract  Opt in/out of Renter's Insurance  Secure Your Room  Select Your Meal Plan  ~ All Done! ~			
April 1st	Summer Housing Application Opens			
- Students applying for Summer 1 Housing must have				
	2025 Assignment			
	- Students applying for Summer 2 must have a Fall 2025			
	assignment			
August 8th	Fall dining plans begin!			
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Residence Halls Open for First-year Students			
August 13th-16th	Dolphin Dive-in			
August 18th	Fall Classes Being!			

## **Residency Exemption Request**

Jacksonville University maintains a <u>three-year residency requirement</u>, meaning all undergraduate students must live in university housing for the first three years of their enrollment at JU or until they have met the requirements to live off-campus. All students who have not satisfied the three-year residency requirement must submit a Housing Application confirming they will return to on-campus housing each year.

However, if a student has not satisfied the three-year residency requirement, but wishes to live off campus, the student can request an exemption to the residency requirement by submitting the <u>Request for Residency Exemption</u> found on the <u>Residency Requirement Home page</u>. An exemption will only be granted if the student meets at least one of the following exemption criteria:

- 1. The student is at least 22 years old before the first day of classes of the term.
- 2. You are legally married, as defined by the state of Florida.
- 3. You are currently serving on active duty in the military.
- 4. You live with an immediate family member within 30-miles of Jacksonville University, located at 2800 University Blvd. N, Jacksonville FL 32211. An "immediate family member" is a parent, child, legal guardian, or sibling.
- 5. You are a transfer student at least 3 years removed from high school graduation date.

This form is valid for one academic year and **must be re-submitted and approved** each academic year the student wishes to utilize the exemption in order for our office records to stay current.

If you are over the age of 23 you do NOT need to fill out this form for residency exemption as you are outside of the standard of the Jacksonville University Live-On Requirement.

## **Housing & Dining RATES FOR FALL 2025 – SPRING 2026**

Housing Rates 25-26						
Resid	Rate by Semester					
Botts Hall	\$5,125					
Williams Hall	\$5,125					
Oak Hall	\$5,125					
North Hall	\$5,125					
Village Apartments	\$5,125					
Summer 25 Housing Rates	Full Summer: \$3,570	Per Term: \$1,785				

Dining Rates 25-26				
Meal Plan	Rate by Semester			
All Access w/ 500 Flex	\$3,690			
All Access w/ 300 Flex	\$3,475			
14 Weekly w/ 600 Flex	\$3,285			
Apartment ONLY- 75 Block w/ 400 Flex	\$1,340			

## **GradGuard Renters Insurance**

We have partnered with GradGuard, which offers a College Renters Insurance Program that is specifically designed for students. As noted in the housing contract, the institution is not liable for damages or loss that occur to your personal property.

With GradGuard, personal property that is stolen or damaged by a covered cause of loss can be replaced. GradGuard College Renters Insurance also protects you financially in the event you unintentionally start a fire, discharge a sprinkler-head or cause other forms of large-scale, unintentional damage.

Visit your online account via account.gradguard.com

Email customer service <a href="mailto:customerservice@gradguard.com">customerservice@gradguard.com</a>

## **Request for Medical Housing Accommodation**

Students who would like additional consideration in the housing assignment process or that require specific housing arrangements based on a medical need, can submit the Medical Housing Accommodation Request found on the <a href="Housing Accommodation Homepage">Housing Accommodation Homepage</a>. This process is for students whose conditions affect them to the point that it can be considered a disability and therefore may need housing accommodation.

NOTE: Students requesting to live with their Emotional Support Animal or Service Animal have a separate documentation process that is detailed in a section below on page 5.

#### Priority Deadline to Submit: February 28th, 2025

Accommodation requests can be submitted at any time and are reviewed on a rolling basis by committee. However, it is recommended that requests be submitted by the **priority deadline of February 28**<sup>th</sup> to ensure the greatest chances of receiving an assignment that meets your needs, as there are a limited number of spaces available in each residential building, room type, bathroom type, etc.

Students that submit an accommodation request by the priority deadline and receive approval for their request will be prompted to accept their Medical Accommodation via the Housing Application process prior to the start

of the April Housing Application process. The Residential Life Operations team will assign your housing based on your approved Medical Accommodation leading up to the Housing process.

#### **Required Documentation**

All requests for Medical Housing Accommodation require documentation outlining the specific need(s) of the student in regard to their housing environment based on the recommendation made by the medical provider assisting with the paperwork. Specific documentation may vary based on the type of accommodation requested. The documentation provided must provide a clear indication of the medical need or disability and can be found on the Medical Accommodation Website.

## **Request for Emotional Support Animal**

Students that would like to request to live with their service or emotional support animal in the residence hall must submit a Request on the <u>Medical Accommodation Home Page</u> and receive official approval from Residential Life prior to bringing the animal to campus.

Part of the ESA approval process is obtaining a signed Roommate Agreement. This document will need to be signed by everyone living in close quarters with you and your animal. Should one or more of the roommates not agree to having an animal in the space, the Housing Team will assist the requesting student with alternative housing arrangements.

An ESA is only approved for the current academic year. In order to carry over your approval from year to year, each approved student will need to participate in the ESA Renewal process that occurs each summer.

Emotional Support Animals and Service Animals follow a similar process for their on-campus Approval but have different documents that need to be provided. Please connect with <a href="mailto:housing@ju.edu">housing@ju.edu</a> to request the Service Animal Request paperwork if needed.

## **First-Year Housing Options**

#### Williams Hall:

Traditional Residential Community with mixed classifications- select wings will house upperclassmen. Students within each wing will have access to a gendered community restroom. Check out this video to see the hall!

#### **Botts Hall:**

Traditional Residential Community with new students only. Students within each will have access to a gendered community restrooms. Check out this video to see the hall!

#### **North Hall:**

Traditional Residential Community, home to the Honors College LLC! This community will be mixed classification with freshmen and upperclassmen on separate wings. Students within each wing will have access to gendered community restrooms. There will only be double rooms available for the new students. Check out this video to see the hall!

## **Residential Life: Special Interest Communities**

Residential Living and Learning offers unique theme based residential communities for New Students:

### **Gender Inclusive Housing (Oak Hall)**

Gender Inclusive Housing is an environment where student housing is not restricted to traditional limitations of the gender binary (male/female). Gender Inclusive Housing means that students from all gender identities and expressions may choose to live together. Residents who choose this option will have varied understandings of gender, gender identity and gender expression.

Examples of students who may be interested in Gender Inclusive Housing include, but not limited to:

- Students who identify as transgender or gender non-conforming requesting a roommate based on comfort and support rather than biological sex (i.e., friend or ally);
- Students seeking a mixed gender housing option, including students within the LGBTQIA+ community and allies.

New Students can request to live in Gender Inclusive Housing by completing the <u>Gender Inclusive Housing form</u> found on the Residential Life website or reaching out to the Housing Team at <u>housing@ju.edu</u> for more information!

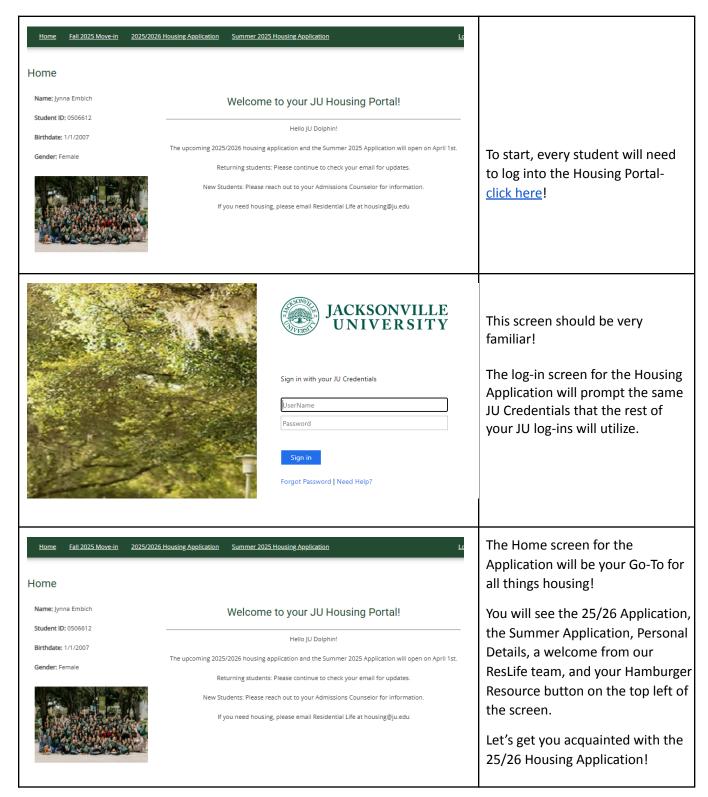
### **Honors College Living-Learning Community (North Hall)**

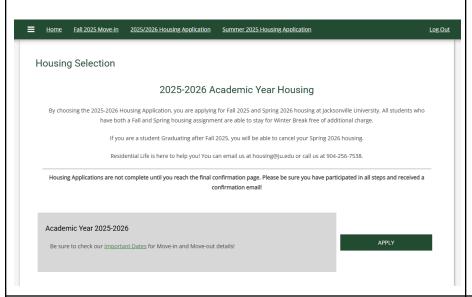
The Honors College LLC is hosted in North Hall and open to students accepted into the JU Honors program. This community is multi-generational, with many students living here throughout their time at JU. This community creates student engagement through fostering a synergistic relationship between Academics, Residential Wellness, & Community Enrichment. This includes a live-in Faculty Principal and classes offered in the Hall.

Students eligible for this community can make this selection within their Housing Application!

## **Housing Application How To:**

The Housing Application will open on April 1st for the 25/26 Academic Year. This process will be fluid for all our New Students- you will be able to go in and complete all steps in 1-go!





Click the link at the top of the page for the 25/26 Application.

Make sure to read through each section so you don't miss anything!

Hit Apply to begin your application  $\ensuremath{ \ensuremath{ f \ensuremath{ \footnote\ensuremath{ \footnote$ 

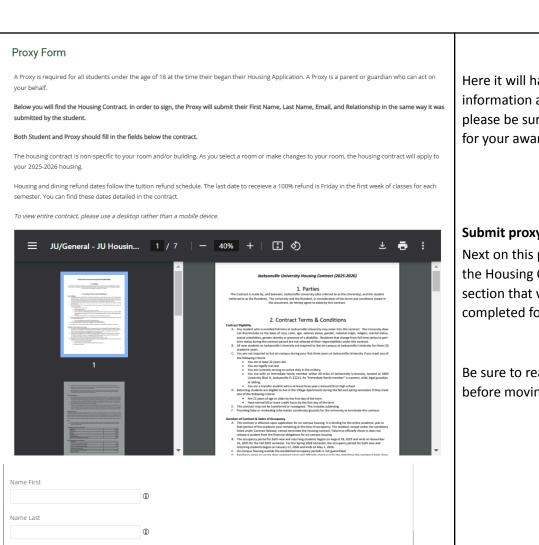


#### **Application Welcome**

On each page of our application you will see the **bubbles** at the top. This is your progress bar- if you need to revisit a section, each one is hyperlinked and can take you back with 1-click!

The Save & Continue button will be your best friend through this process. Make sure to hit at the end of each page!

Emergency Contact  Be sure to complete all the fields on your emergency contact page- should we ever need to connect with a parent or guardian this is the information we will look for.
Think about it- who would you want us to call if:  - You have an emergency - You are injured - A concern pops up and someone needs to be here for you
Application Proxy Agreement
If you are under 18- the application will lead you to a Proxy Agreement page. You will need to work with your Parent or Guardian on this step.



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The fields above need to be filled out the same for both student and Proxy. You will receive a confirmation if accepted. If you receive an

Relationship

Here it will have the same information as other students-please be sure to track all dates for your awareness.

#### **Submit proxy Information**

Next on this page you will see the Housing Contract and the section that will need to be completed for your Proxy.

Be sure to read the contract before moving forward.

This section is where you will need to indicate your proxy- all fields are required!

#### **Housing Contract**

The first step in selecting housing is to sign your Housing Contract.

The housing contract is non-specific to your room and/or building. As you select a room or make changes to your room, the housing contract will apply the properties of theto your 2025-2026 housing.

Housing and dining refund dates follow the tuition refund schedule. The last date to receieve a 100% refund is Friday in the first week of classes for each semester. You can find these dates detailed in the contract.

Please enter your JU Student ID below to sign your housing contract and on the Important Dates located on our website.

Starting on or after May 15th, any continuing JU student who is registered for housing will be charged a \$200 cancellation fee to remove their reservation.

The cancellation timeline applies to:

-Students seeking a Residency Exemption Approval after the cancellation date of May 15th

-Students seeking to transfer and cancel after the May 15th deadline

-Students who've met the live-on requirement seeking to cancel their assignment after the May 15th deadline

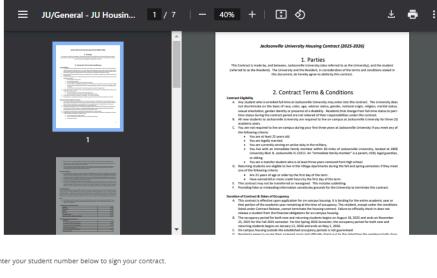
-Continuing Students that are declared a no show for the Fall or Spring Semester by the Drop/Add deadline

For all of our students over 18-

#### 25/26 Housing Contract

Please ensure to read all of the information on this page before moving forward in the application.

Any dates you see throughout the application should go into your calendar, planner, or scheduler for your awareness.



By signing this contract with your JU Student ID number, you are agreeing to live on campus for the 25/26 Academic Year.

At this stage you are able to save your housing contract by selecting Print this page and downloading it for your records.

Our Housing Contract also lives on our Website at the link here!

Make sure to hit Save & Continue on each page to keep trucking along!

You will get an email confirmation once you hit Save & Continue 🙂

Enter your student number below to sign your contract.

Student ID Number:

PRINT THIS PAGE



## What if you had to replace it all tomorrow?



Did you know that Jacksonville University does not cover the cost of your personal belongings being stolen or damaged? Due to this, you are expected to obtain renter's insurance before you move-in.

Jacksonville University has partnered with GradGuard, which offers a unique renter's insurance program that has protected over 500,000 students nationwide. Here are a few scenarios in which renter's insurance can help:

- You leave your laptop in the library unattended as you grab lunch, to later find that it was stolen.
- 🚜 You lock your bike up, head to class and when you return, your bike is gone.
- Our return to the residence halls after the gym, to find that someone accidentally caused a fire on your floor and the smoke ruined all of your clothes, books and bedding.
- 😵 You accidentally hang your clothes on the sprinkler head. Water damage destroys your stuff and the belongings of other residents on your floor.

On the next page, you can learn more and obtain insurance from GradGuard or indicate if you prefer coverage from another provider. GradGuard will share your selection with Jacksonville University for our records.

CONTINUE TO NEXT STEP

#### Here's what your school recommends:

Purchase coverage

Decline coverage

#### **GradGuard Intro**

It is recommended that every student has renters insurance to plan for the unexpected.

Within the Housing Application you have the option to Opt-in or Out of GradGuard Renters Insurance.

#### **GradGuard Decision**

You are able to customize what you need throughout the process and they have online and on-call teams to assist!

Once you have decided- the application will bring you back to the main portal to continue on to Room Selection!

#### Welcome to Your Room Selection!

Below you will find options to make your room selection based on your preferences.

Single: There are a limited number of Single Rooms available. If you do not see this option, they are all full. You may select a room and then continue to check back for open Single spaces.

Sinlge rooms pertain to Current Students only.

Double: Most of our spaces on campus are in double rooms. You can have up to 2 people in your Roommate Group and select a double room. Double rooms are available in Botts, Williams, and North.

Roommate Groups pertain to Current Students only

Oak Suite: While Oak rooms are double rooms, they are connected to the room next door by a bathroom, making them a "suite". You can have up to 4 people in your Roommate Group and select an Oak Suite. However, as space fills, you may need to drop down to 2 people in your roommate group to select a room (1 side) of an Oak Suite.

Village Apartment: Village Apartments are limited to students who are in their 3rd year+ at JU AND have at least 60 credits. The apartments are filled very quickly and largely by seniors. You can have up to 4 people in your Roommate Group and select the Village Apartments.

ADA or Private w/ Bath: These are double rooms in Oak, Botts, or Williams. These rooms are slightly larger and/or may have a private bathroom. These are only available when not needed for Housing Accommodations.

A note about roommate groups: As buildings fill, you may need to leave your roommate group to see space available. For example, if there is 1 space left in Oak but you are in a group with 2 people, you will not see any space available. You would have to leave that group to see the space free. Select "Roommate Groups" above to make changes to your group.

Gender Inclusive Housing & Ally Roommate Matching: New JU students, can apply to live in our Gender Inclusive Housing community by completing the form <a href="here">here</a>. We will contact you and work to place you into your fail/spring room assignment.

Once you select a room, your next step will be choosing your meal plan! If you want to change your room selection, you will be able to go back in this application



#### Welcome to Room Selection!

Please read through the different kinds of spaces we have and make sure to reach out if you have any questions!

All of our students hit this page in the application- you will see descriptions that don't apply to you RIGHT NOW but hopefully get you excited for the options you will have in years to come.

As new students you will only see options at the bottom of the Room Selection page that are available to you.

#### Room Selection

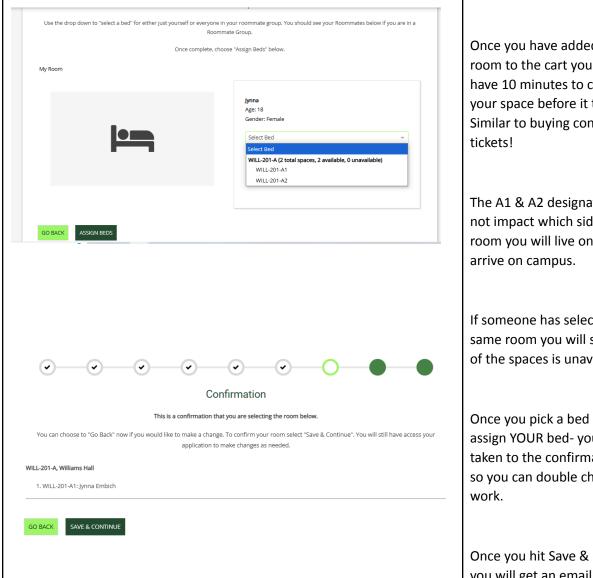
To select a room, choose "Add to Cart". On the left hand side you can make changes to the type of room or building you would like to see. If you are doing this on bahalf of your roommate group, you'll be able to add them to your room on the next page!

Room Types ☐ ADA **☑** Double ☐ Hearing Impaired Oak Suite Private w/bath WILL-202-A WII I -203-A Single ☐ Village Apt 1-4 WILL-202 WILL-203 WILL-201 Locations Williams Hall Williams Hall Williams Hall Botts Hall Price: \$5,125 Price: \$5,125 Price: \$5,125 Oak Hall Village Apt 01 ADD TO CART ADD TO CART Village Apt 02 ☐ Village Apt 03

On this main page you will see all of your options for room selection.

On each tile you will see the room Building, Room Number, How many beds are open in the room, and the price of the space.

Scroll through your options and when you are ready- add to cart!



Once you have added your room to the cart you will only have 10 minutes to confirm your space before it times out. Similar to buying concert

The A1 & A2 designation does not impact which side of the room you will live on when you

If someone has selected the same room you will see that 1 of the spaces is unavailable.

Once you pick a bed space and assign YOUR bed- you will be taken to the confirmation page so you can double check your

Once you hit Save & Continue you will get an email confirmation for your booking.

#### Select your Meal Plan

The All Access dining plans allows students unlimited access into the Riverview Dining Hall - the residential dining hall on campus.

The Riverview Dining Hall offers all-you-care-to-eat style dining with five different meal stations. The All Access plans ensures that students can always get food, and never have to worry about running out of meals or Fiex doilars.

#### Meal Plans

All Access & \$500 in flex per Semester \$3,690

All Access & \$300 in flex per Semester \$3,475

Weekly 14 & \$600 in flex per Semester \$3,285

Available to students residing in all residence halls

#### Apartment Only Meal Plan

Block 75 meals & \$400 in flex per Semester \$1,340

Available to Village Apartment residents only

Supplemental Flex: The supplemental Meal Plans are designed for commuter students, or residents who want more Flex Dollars in addition to their required meal plans.

Options include: \$150 flex \$300 flex

Please email housing@ju.edu to request additional flex.

(Please Select Meal Plan) v 🗓

Academic Year 2025-2026:

You are almost done! Selecting a dining plan is your last big step.

For more information about the Meal Plans offered- please see our website linked here!

Once you hit save and continue you will be finished!

#### Congratulations!

This is your Summary Page. You can refer back to this page whenever needed. If you do not currently have a roommate, this page will update as one is assigned.

#### Move-in

Freshman Move-in is Tuesday, August 12th. Upperclassmen Move-in is on Friday, August 15th.

During the summer, you will receive an email on how to apply for a 2025 Fall Move In Timeslot. Be sure to check you JU email during that time.

Find more details on our Move-in webpage.

Room: WILL-201-A1
Room Type: Double

Location: Williams Hall

Roommate Assigned:

Bed	Occupant	Check In Date	Check Out Date
WILL-201-A1	Jynna Embich	8/18/2025	5/1/2026
WILL-201-A2	-Vacant-		

For Fall 2025 you have selected All Access + \$300 Flex For Spring 2026 you have selected All Access + \$300 Flex

If you would like to change your room or meal plan, please select from the drop down below. Otherwise, select "Return to Home"

Select Next Step

Application Summary

You will see your official move in date, all the details about your room, the meal plan you selected, and if you have a roommate it will appear on this page.

You can check back on this page throughout the summer to see if your roommate updates or changes.

You have the option to go back through and change your room or meal plan with the next steps drop down.

Once you are all set- hit save and continue!