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If you are experiencing homelessness, couch surfing, or are in immediate need of short-term emergency housing, please fill out the [Request for Assistance form](#) to get connected with a case manager.

*The listed resources are not affiliated with SJSU. Students should be aware of potential scams and fraud on these sites. Although SJSU does not endorse these resources, students needing housing resources may explore them.

Be cautious of potential scams

- ★ If a listing is too good to be true, it is likely a scam.
- ★ Once you wire money, you cannot get it back!
- ★ Do not send the security deposit or first month's rent before you've met or signed a lease.
- ★ Walk through the space before you sign or agree to rent. If you are unable to, ask a friend.
- ★ If the landlord claims to be out of the country, then the deal is likely a scam.

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- Schedule a meeting with a Basic Needs Coordinator for a guided housing search [here](#)
- [Short-term Temporary Housing](#): Any currently enrolled matriculating student who is experiencing housing insecurity is eligible for two nights (and up to 28 nights) of temporary emergency housing on campus. Designed for students who do not have a safe & stable place to sleep tonight while we engage with them on next step planning.
- [Rapid Rehousing Program](#): Partnership with the Bill Wilson Center that provides additional case management and fiscal support to eligible students who may be facing housing insecurity. Designed for students who are unhoused, at risk of losing their place. Can provide multiple months of tiered-off housing assistance.

Housing Search Sites

- [College Pads](#)
 - Find housing, roommates, subleases, and renter education. Must access using SJSU ID/email through one.sjsu
- [The United Effort](#)
 - Affordable housing in Santa Clara County. Navigate your housing search and filter by location, budget, bedroom type, and more.
- [Doorway Bay Area Affordable Housing](#)
 - Affordable housing in the Bay Area. Navigate your housing search and filter by location, budget, bedroom type, and more.
- [Apartments.com](#)
 - Filter your search based on housing preferences and budget.
- [SAMMY App](#)
 - Click on Feed then Roommate/Housing. Create your own post informing students of your budget, move-in date, contact information, and other preferences.
 - Example: "Hi I'm Spartan, a 4th year at SJSU! I am looking to rent a space and move in by December 1st. My budget is \$750-\$900. I am okay with a shared room and pets in the house. I am looking for a house with available parking. If you have housing available, please reach out to me at spartan@sjsu.edu."
- [affordablehousing.com](#)
 - Navigate your housing search and filter by location, budget, bedroom type, and more.
- [forrentuniversity.com](#)

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- Filter your location by university or city.
- [Facebook: SJSU Student Off-Campus Housing](#)
 - Similar to SAMMY App, but open to community members. Be aware of potential scams.

Property Management Companies

- [Cal Western](#)
- [Compass](#)
- [Provident](#)
- [Cornerstone](#)
- [Aborn Properties](#)
- [Valley Management Group](#)
- [Pure Property Management](#)
- [Ziprent](#)
- [Intempus Property Management](#)
- [Forbes Group](#)

Shelters

- [Housing & Homeless Services | 211 Bay Area](#)
- [Next Door Solutions](#): Helps women and children with housing if they are experiencing domestic violence. They have two rooms that are pet friendly.
 - 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline for shelter: (408)279-2962
- [LifeMoves](#)
- [Salvation Army](#)
- [Covenant House](#)
 - Phone: (408) 703-9503 Email: info@covenanthousecalifornia.org
- [Abode](#)
- [Bill Wilson Center](#)
 - **Drop in Center**: 693 South 2nd Street San Jose, CA 95112 (408) 925-0231
 - **Safety Net Shelter**: 3490 The Alameda Santa Clara, CA 95050 (408) 850-6164
- [Amigos de Guadalupe](#)
 - Address: 1897 Alum Rock Ave #35 San Jose, CA 95116
 - Phone Number: (408) 341-6080
 - Email: info@amigosdeguadalupe.org
 - **Overnight parking** (Email: safepark@amigosdeguadalupe.org)
 - **Shelter**: For families with children who are minors and are experiencing displacement. Call the Here4You Hotline (408) 385-2400.

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No/Low Credit Score

- Don't have credit history? Consider creating a [Renter's Resume](#)
 - See sample on page 9
- [Renter's Resume - Sammy Spartan Sample](#)
- [Designate a Co-Signer and How it Works](#)
- Offer to pay multiple months' rent upfront

Rental & Deposit Assistance

- [Havensafe](#) - Call: 650-674-2836
 - Rental assistance
- [Sacred Heart Community Service](#)
 - Must be a Santa Clara County resident for thirty days before applying. Can assist with the following: past-due rent, security deposit, mortgage, and financial assistance relating to housing stability. Funds will be paid directly to the landlord.
 - Contact information: (408)709-2364 or email housinginfo@sacredheartcs.org
- [Salvation Army](#)
 - Rental, deposit, or mortgage assistance.
 - Call: (408)282-1165
- [Amigos de Guadalupe](#)
 - Rental and deposit assistance.
 - Visit their office to pick up an Intake and Consent form. Bring the following: Photo ID for adults, Birth Certificate for minors, Rental Agreement, Proof of Income, and Electricity or Water Bills.
 - Address: 1897 Alum Rock Ave #35 San Jose, CA 95116
 - Open 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 - Call: (408)341-6080
 - Email: info@amigosdeguadalupe.org
- [Rental Assistance Program](#)
 - \$500 one-time rental assistance for Santa Clara County residents
 - Email antiracism.lg@gmail.com
- [Emergency Housing Fund – How To Apply](#)
 - Must be a Santa Clara or San Mateo resident. All payments are sent to the landlord or utility company.
 - Email: ehf@hifinfo.org
 - Call 211 or visit 211.org

Legal/ Landlord-Tenant Mediation Resources

- [MLK Library Legal Help](#)
- [Asian Law Alliance](#)
- [Bay Area Legal Aid](#)

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- [Law Foundation of Silicon Valley](#)
- [Tenant Resources | City of San José](#)
- [Project Sentinel](#)
 - Three support services: Fair Housing Advocacy & Counseling, Tenant-Landlord Dispute Resolution, and Homeowner Counseling

Utilities Pay Assistance

- [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#) (LIHEAP) - automatically qualifies if the individual is receiving CalFresh Food benefits
 - [Sacred Heart Community Service](#)
- [CARE and FERA](#)