So You Want to Live On Campus?
Information on the 2025-26 Housing Application Process

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Agenda

- What are my options?
- What makes me eligible for housing?
- When does the process take place?
- What does the application look like?
- How do you determine my assignment? Who will my roommate be?
- When will I find out my room?
- What other things should I consider?
- Who can I go to with questions?

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2025-26 Housing Options

SMCC South Portland Campus

Surfsite Hall

145-bed residence hall located on Surfsite Rd.
Corridor-style, mostly triple rooms

Amenities include:
- Rooms feature:
    - Extra-long twin bed
    - Desk, chair, dresser and/or wardrobe
    - Microwave
    - Refrigerator/freezer
- One Resident Director and four RAs
- Two common areas
- Recreational equipment including a pool table, foosball, ping-pong table
- Community bathrooms and showers on every floor
- Laundry room

Spring Point Hall

355-bed residence hall located on Fort Rd. "Pod" style suites – 2 rooms connected by shared restroom. Singles, doubles, triples, and quads available.

Amenities include:
- Rooms feature:
    - Joint bathroom and shower
    - Extra-long twin bed
    - Desk, chair, dresser and/or wardrobe
    - Microwave
    - Refrigerator/freezer
- One Resident Director (RD) and seven RAs
- TV lounge
- Three study rooms
- Laundry room
- Gaming area with pool and ping-pong table

FEE TYPE	PER SEMESTER	PER YEAR
Housing – Single	$4,828	$9,656
Housing – Double	$4,328	$8,656
Housing – Triple/Quad	$4,128	$8,256
Meal Plan (Required for South Portland resident students)	$2,120	$4,240
Cable & Internet	$158	$316
Estimated Total	**$6,046-$7,106**	**$12,812-$14,212**

SMCC Midcoast Campus

Orion Hall

90-bed residence hall located across the road from the LL Bean Learning Commons
Apartment style, singles or doubles

Amenities include:

- Rooms feature:
  - Kitchenette with a microwave and refrigerator/freezer
  - Private bathroom with a full tub/shower
  - Living area
- One Resident Director and four RAs
- Common study and lounge areas on each floor
- Gym located on first floor
- Vending machines
- Laundry room

FEE TYPE	PER SEMESTER	PER YEAR
Housing – Single Room	$4,828	$9,656
Housing – Double Room	$4,328	$8,656
Cable & Internet	$158	$316
Estimated Total	**$4,486-$4,986**	**$8,972-$9,972**

Please note, Midcoast Campus residents and students have access to food and beverages that can be purchased by cash, credit card or Beacon Bucks at the Landing Café. Midcoast Campus residents taking classes at our South Portland Campus can also purchase a commuter dining plan to use at dining facilities on the South Portland Campus.

University of Southern Maine

Portland Commons

BRAND NEW 577-bed residence hall on USM's Portland campus. 160 beds available for SMCC students

Multiple room types – including single apartments, pod-style housing, two- and four-person apartments, either singles or doubles

Amenities include:

- Rooms feature:
  - Full or twin XL beds
  - Desk and chair, closet space, and bureau
  - Apartments include shared kitchen with stove, oven, sink, refrigerator, and microwave
  - Some spaces include in-unit laundry
- Resident Director and RAs on site
- Common study and lounge areas on each floor
- Access to USM dining facilities, located in the building
- Semi-private courtyard

FEE TYPE	PER SEMESTER	PER YEAR
Housing – Two-Person Single Pod	$4,362	$8,724
Housing – Single with Ensuite Bathroom	$4,510	$9,020
Housing – Four-Person Double Apartment	$5,015	$10,030
Housing – Four-Person Single Apartment	$5,750	$11,500
Housing – Two-Person Single Apartment	$6,300	$12,600
Housing – One-Person Efficiency Apartment	$6,825	$13,650
Meal Plan (Required for rooms without kitchens)	$2,120	$4,240
Estimated Total	**$4,362-$8,945**	**$8,724-$17,890**

St. Joseph's College

St. Joseph's College Housing

All St. Joseph's housing options available – 10 residence halls on the whole campus.
Mostly doubles, ranging from corridor style to townhouses and apartments
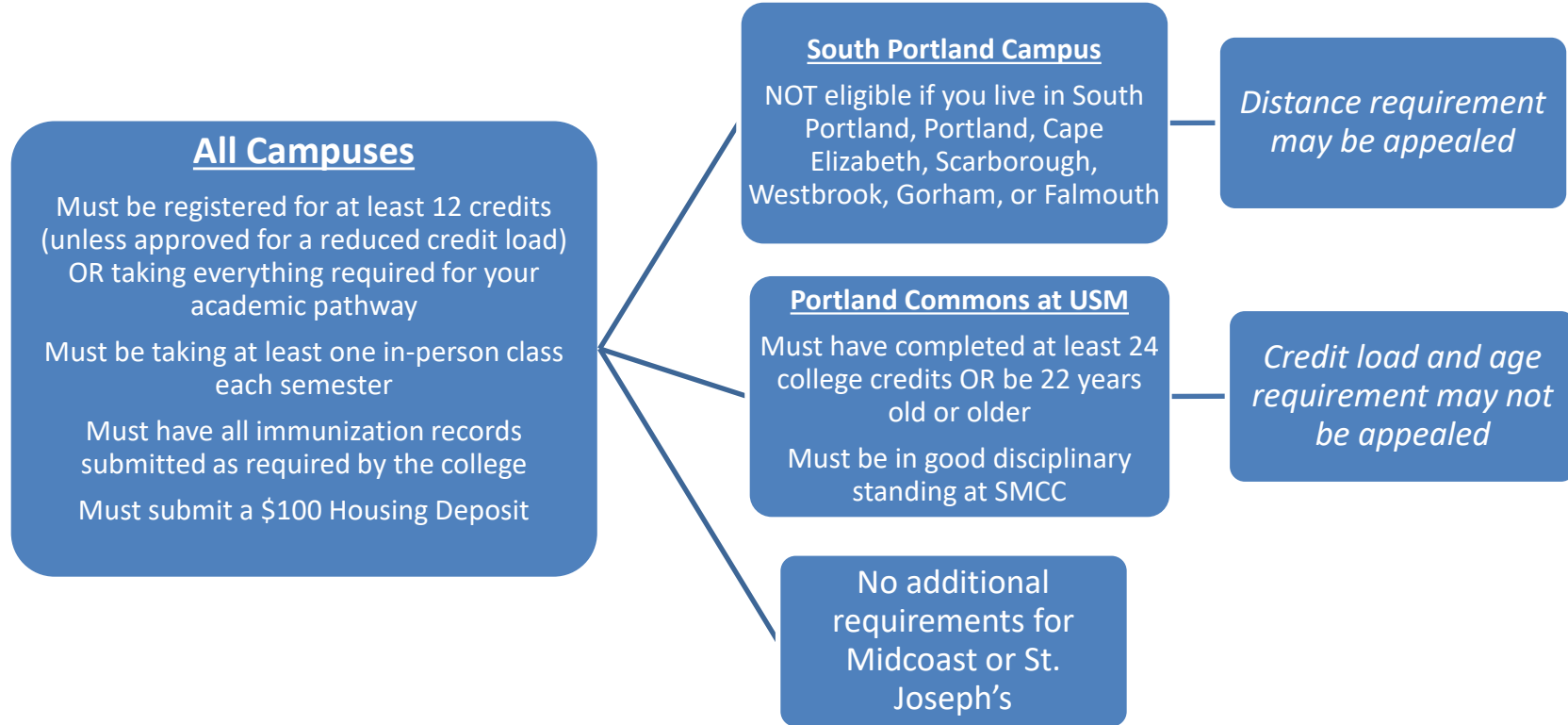
Amenities include:
- Rooms feature:
  - Full or twin XL beds
  - Desk and desk chair
  - Closet and drawer space
- Professional ResLife staff and RAs on site
- Common study and lounge areas
- Apartments and townhouses include kitchenettes
- Free laundry

FEE TYPE	PER SEMESTER	PER YEAR
Housing – Double Room	$4,328	$8,656
Meal Plan (Required)	$2,120	$4,240
Estimated Total	**$6,448**	**$12,896**

Housing Eligibility

All Campuses

Must be registered for at least 12 credits (unless approved for a reduced credit load) OR taking everything required for your academic pathway

Must be taking at least one in-person class each semester

Must have all immunization records submitted as required by the college

Must submit a $100 Housing Deposit

South Portland Campus

NOT eligible if you live in South Portland, Portland, Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, Westbrook, Gorham, or Falmouth

Distance requirement may be appealed

Portland Commons at USM

Must have completed at least 24 college credits OR be 22 years old or older

Must be in good disciplinary standing at SMCC

Credit load and age requirement may not be appealed

No additional requirements for Midcoast or St. Joseph's

Appealing Eligibility Restrictions

Appeals form available on the Housing page of the SMCC website. Housing appeals may be made for:

- The full-time class requirement
- The in-person class requirement
- The distance requirement
- Multiple requirements

Appeals subject to approval and not guaranteed. Folks with housing needs will be able to indicate that need on the form.

Dates to Remember

Definitions

First time with a different process for new vs. returning students

Returning student – students currently enrolled at SMCC who have lived on campus (including Midcoast, USM, and St. Joseph's) for at least one semester

New student – students who are newly enrolled at SMCC starting in the Fall, OR currently enrolled students who have never lived on campus previously

50% of all available bed spaces at South Portland, Midcoast, and USM held for returners, the other 50% held for new students

Returning Students

- April 29, 9am: Housing applications open for returning students
- May 18, 11:59pm: Priority deadline for returners to submit a Housing application
- May 22: Priority deadline to submit Housing accommodations requests with Office of Disability Services
- June 13: Target date to have housing assignments shared out to returning students*

*Timelines subject to change due to changes to the Portal
**Submission by the priority deadlines ensures the best chance of getting an assignment, but is NOT a guarantee

New Students

- May 5, 9am: Housing applications open for new students
- May 22: Priority deadline to submit Housing accommodations requests with Office of Disability Services
- May 25, 11:59pm: Priority deadline for new students to submit a Housing application
- June 27: Target date to have housing assignments shared out to new students*

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The 2025-26 Housing Application

Accessing the Application

Step 1: on the Portal, click MySMCC on the sidebar and proceed to the pop-up window, or click the link on the next page
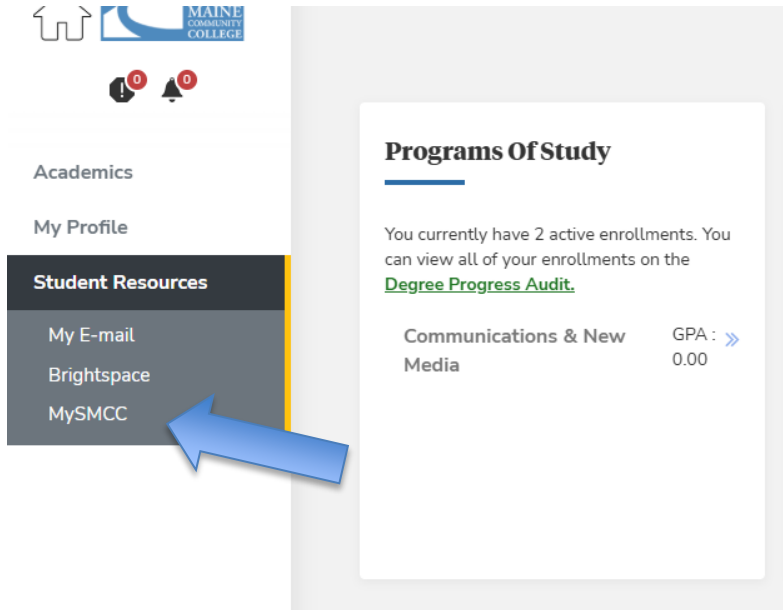
Step 2: in MySMCC, under the My Student Guide dropdown, go to My Student Life and select Housing and Residence Life
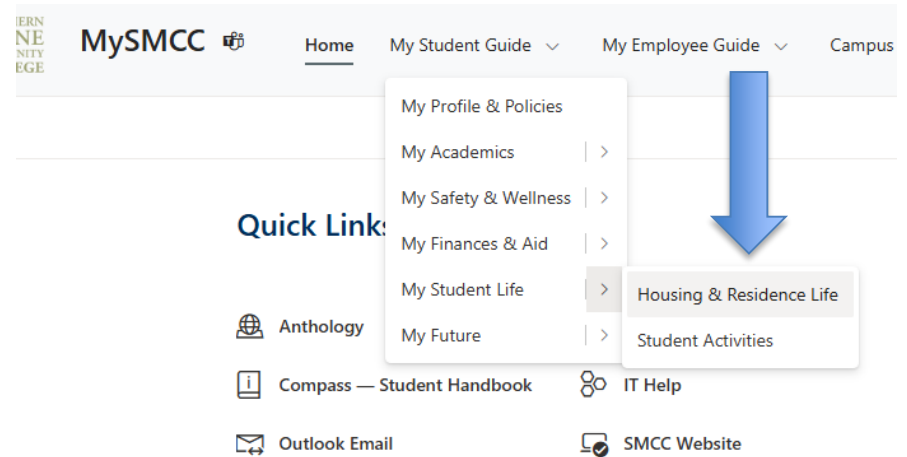
Accessing the Application

Contacts:

Housing & Residence Life
207-741-5967
smccreslife@mainecc.edu
South Portland Campus – 85 Benjamin Pickett
Midcoast Campus – Orion Hall

Director of Residential Life
Mike Hebert
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Dining
Visit Website

Step 3: On the Housing page of the MySMCC portal, select "Apply for Housing". A link will be available for the application when the application is live.

The application link will also be available on the SMCC Housing page: https://www.smccme.edu/student-life/housing/

Quick Links

🏠 Apply for Housing   🍴 Dining Options   💓 Immunization Information

🏛 Residence Halls   💵 Room & Meal Plan Costs   ✏ Submit Your Immunizations (A)

Application Questions

Demographic Information

- Student ID Number
- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Name
- Preferred Name
- Mainecc.edu email
- Alternate email
- Phone number
- Date of Birth
- Gender identity

- Home street address
- City
- State
- Zip Code

Application Questions

Housing Background

- Will Fall 2025 be your first term at SMCC?
- Have you lived on campus at SMCC previously (including Portland Commons at USM and St. Joseph's College?
- Do you have a car?
- Do you have all immunization records submitted as required by the college?
- Have you been arrested and/or tried for a crime?
- Have you been convicted of a crime?

- If you respond yes to either of the two previous questions, please elaborate.
- Have you been found responsible for a violation of the Residence Hall Agreement, Student Code of Conduct, or other College policies?
- If yes, please elaborate

Application Questions

Housing Needs and Preferences

- Do you have a disabling condition that requires an ADA accommodation, and do you have medical documentation to support this condition?

- Do you identify as an ally of the LGBTQ+ community?

- Would you like to opt in to gender inclusive housing?

- Are you experiencing housing insecurity if you are not housed in the residence halls? If you check yes, it is your responsibility to complete a housing assessment.

- What is your campus housing preference?

- What is your room type preference?

- Do you have a preferred roommate or roommates? If so, please type their names.

We cannot make ANY guarantees for preferences

Application Questions

For two emergency contacts:

- First and last name

- Relationship

- Home phone

- Mobile phone

- Email

- Street Address

- City, State, Zip Code

Then check two boxes as your digital "signature", and you're all set!

Assignments Basics

- Assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis, in the order in which applications were submitted
  - *Submit your housing application as early as possible!!!*
- 50% of Spring Point, Surfsite, Orion, and Portland Commons held for returners, the other 50% held for new students
- Two separate waitlists for both groups of students
  - I.e., if a returning student is waitlisted, they will be placed in a waitlist for the rooms held for returners ONLY
- Waitlist space offers made on a first-come, first-served basis. Declining a room offered to get a "better" space will place you at the end of the waitlist

Assignments Basics

- Preferences will be considered, but NOT guaranteed
- Individuals will be placed based on the first available spot if preferences cannot be met
- Preferences for specific roommates or suitemates will be considered, but are NOT guaranteed.

If you would like to apply without any roommate preferences and be assigned a random roommate, you do not need to write anything down in the roommate preferences space. You will be assigned a room or waitlisted based on when you submitted an application.

- Example: Allan Holdsworth is a new student who doesn't have any roommate preferences listed. He submits his application the day after it opens and indicates Spring Point as his first choice. Allan is assigned a space in Spring Point, and two random roommates are placed with him when they are assigned.
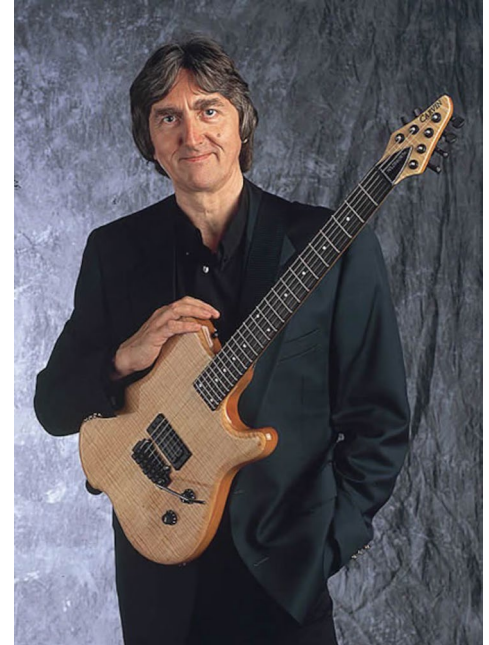
Roommate Matching Basics

- To live with specific roommates or suitemates, ALL members of the desired housing group must list each other as roommate preferences on their applications.
- Roommate matching requests will be based on the time of the LAST member of the group to complete an application.
  - *Encouraged to submit an application together, and as soon as possible!!!*
- If all roommates can be placed together in one space by the last group applicant's assignment time, they will be housed together
- If no space is available to house everyone together, they will be assigned housing but not be roommates
- If space is available to house only part of the group, those who can be assigned will be and the remaining members waitlisted

Example 1: Triple Threat

Chuck Schuldiner, Stu MacKenzie, and Brendon Small all submit their housing application on the first day, have all of their eligibility requirements in, and request to live in a Surfsite triple. Stu was the 50th person to submit an application and the last in the group. Upon Stu's assignment time, an open triple is available in Surfsite and all are placed together.

Tosin Abasi and Misha Mansoor are requesting to be roommates in Spring Point. Tosin submits his application the first week, but Misha submitted his several weeks later. At Misha's assignment time, there are no completely vacant doubles in Spring Point or another building, but enough spaces to assign both Misha and Tosin. They are given Housing assignments but are not roommates.

Example 3: Quad Quarrel

Claudio Sanchez, Brian Sella, Chris Letchford, and John Anthony White III are all aiming for an apartment in Portland Commons, and list each other as preferred roommates on the application. Claudio submits his on the third day the application is open, Brian submits his days later, Chris gets his in right before the priority deadline, and John submits his at the end of May. By the time John's assignment time arrives, There are only two spaces available between all buildings. Claudio and Brian are given assignments, and Chris and John are placed on the waitlist.

Roommate Eligibility Changes

In the event a member of a group becomes ineligible or withdraws from Housing prior to receiving an assignment, roommate assignments will be relegated to the person with the latest submitted application.

- If in example 3, John decides he no longer wants to live on campus, withdraws from the College, or is otherwise ineligible for housing, and informs our office he drops out of the process, the group is assigned based on Chris's time. If Chris is also ineligible, the group is assigned on Brian's time.

Assignments and Notifications

- Returning Students
  - Assignments expected to go out on or before June 13
  - Notified via email with placement information, expected bill, and move in dates
- New Students
  - Assignments expected to go out on or before June 27
  - Notified via email with placement information, expected bill, and move in dates
- All students will need to pay $100 deposit and sign Residence Hall Agreement. Students responsible for reading the Residence Hall Handbook and be aware of all policies.
- Changes to dates will be communicated to students directly and updated on the website

Things to Consider

- Portland Commons students MUST submit a USM Housing application
- Requests for housing accommodations for medical needs will need to be made directly to the Office of Disability Services by May 22
- If you identify as housing insecure, you should contact the Advocacy Resource Center as soon as possible to schedule a Housing Assessment
- Stay on the waitlist! Spaces can and will open
- Contact Residence Life if you are no longer eligible or will no longer participate in the process
- Above all:
  - Submit as soon as possible!!!
  - Be aware that requests, appeals, and preferences are not guaranteed.

Resources and Support

Who can I contact?

Residence Life

- Mike Hebert, Director of Residence Life
  - mhebert@mainecc.edu
- Britt Couturier, Resident Director of Surfsite
  - bcouturier@mainecc.edu
- Lex Bocanegra, Resident Director of Spring Point
  - lbocanegra@mainecc.edu
- smccreslife@mainecc.edu

Disability Services

- Heather Jackson, Director of Disability Services
  - hjackson@mainecc.edu
- smccdisabilityservices@mainecc.edu

Advocacy Resource Center

- Ellen Culberson, Director of Social Services
  - eculberson@mainecc.edu
- smccarc@mainecc.edu

Additional Resources

- Current students: your RA
- New students: Admissions
  - smccadmissions@mainecc.edu
- Financial Aid
  - smccfinancialaid@mainecc.edu
- Your Academic Advisor
  - Or smccadvising@mainecc.edu

Thank You!!

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