

UNL Returning/Transfer Student Housing Application Part 1: Joining the Waitlist Step by Step Guide 2025-2026 Academic Year

This guide is for continuing undergraduate students, new transfer students, and graduate students who would like to live on campus for the 2025-2026 academic year.

This guide will walk you through how to join the waitlist for housing. You will then be able to follow a second part of this guide depending on your place on the waitlist.

The first 1,400 students to join the waitlist will go through the standard room selection process and pick their own space.

Students after the first 1,400 will remain on the waitlist and be assigned to a space as one becomes available.

Please check out our website for more information about the application process: [2025-26 Housing Sign-Up | University Housing | Nebraska.](#)



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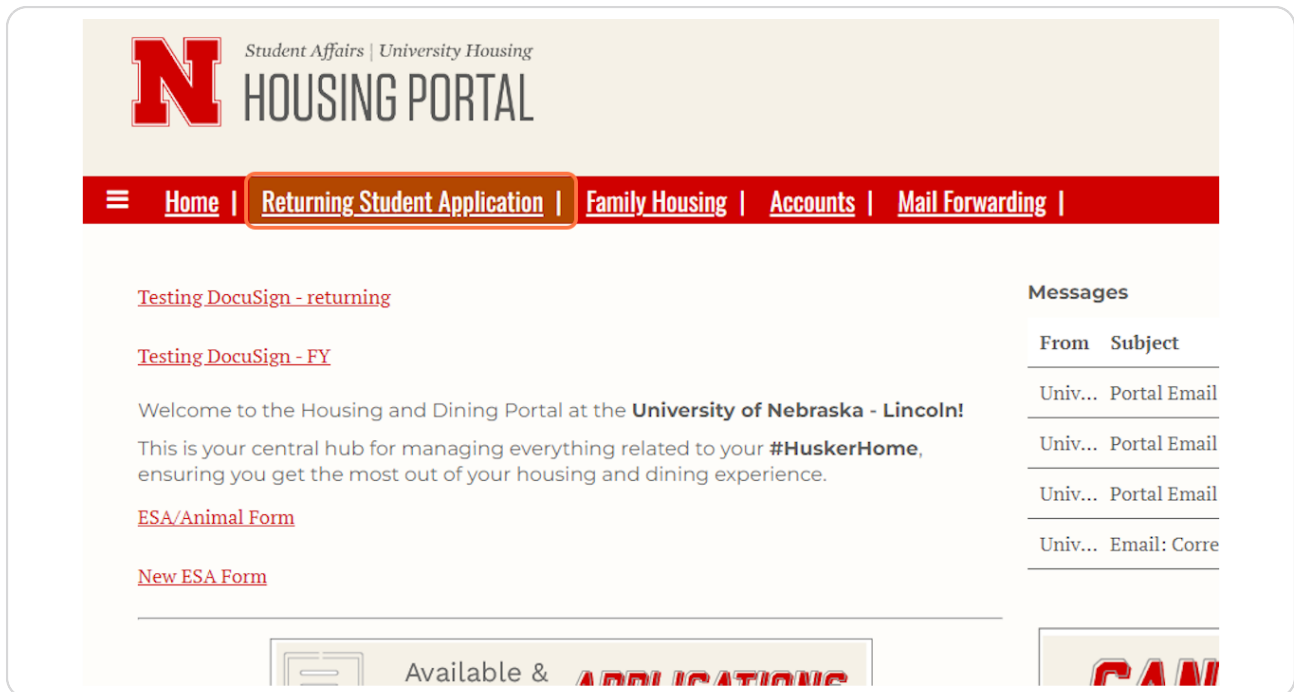
N Navigate to the Housing Portal

31 Steps 

You can get to the housing portal by pasting the following link into your web browser:
go.unl.edu/housing-portal

STEP 1

Click on Returning Student Application at the top of the page.



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Welcome to the Housing and Dining Portal at the **University of Nebraska - Lincoln!**
This is your central hub for managing everything related to your **#HuskerHome**, ensuring you get the most out of your housing and dining experience.

[ESA/Animal Form](#)

[New ESA Form](#)

Available & **APPLICATIONS**

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STEP 2

Click on Apply for 2025-2026 Academic Year

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Term Selector

Please select a term below to start or continue with your application. Contact the Housing Office if no applications are available below.

2024-2025 Academic Year (8/18/2024 - 5/17/2025)	APPLY
2025-2026 Academic Year (8/17/2025 - 5/9/2026)	APPLY
2025 Spring Only - Room and Meals (1/15/2025 - 5/17/2025)	



STEP 3

Review the personal information that was imported from MyRed into your Housing Application.

If any of the information is incorrect, you can update it in MyRed before returning to the housing application.

Optionally, you can answer the Name Pronunciation question if you would like to provide a more phonetic spelling of your name.

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My Info

Student Information

- Please verify the accuracy of the information below.
- Most of this information has been pre-populated based on the information in your MyRed account.
- If any of the information is incorrect, please update your [MyRed](#) profile. Allow 24 hours after updating your MyRed for changes to update on this page.

Name Pronunciation

Street Address

Street Address 2

City

State/Province

Country
(Please Select Country)

Zip/Postal Code



STEP 4

Provide Parent/Family Contact Information (Optional)

email
nmckane2@unl.edu

Parent/Family Contact Information (Optional)

University Housing may utilize the provided email address and/or phone number to inform members of important Housing & Dining information. (Examples: departmental announcements, housing application opening, services available, winter break details, hall closings, etc.)

Parent/Family Name

Parent/Family Email

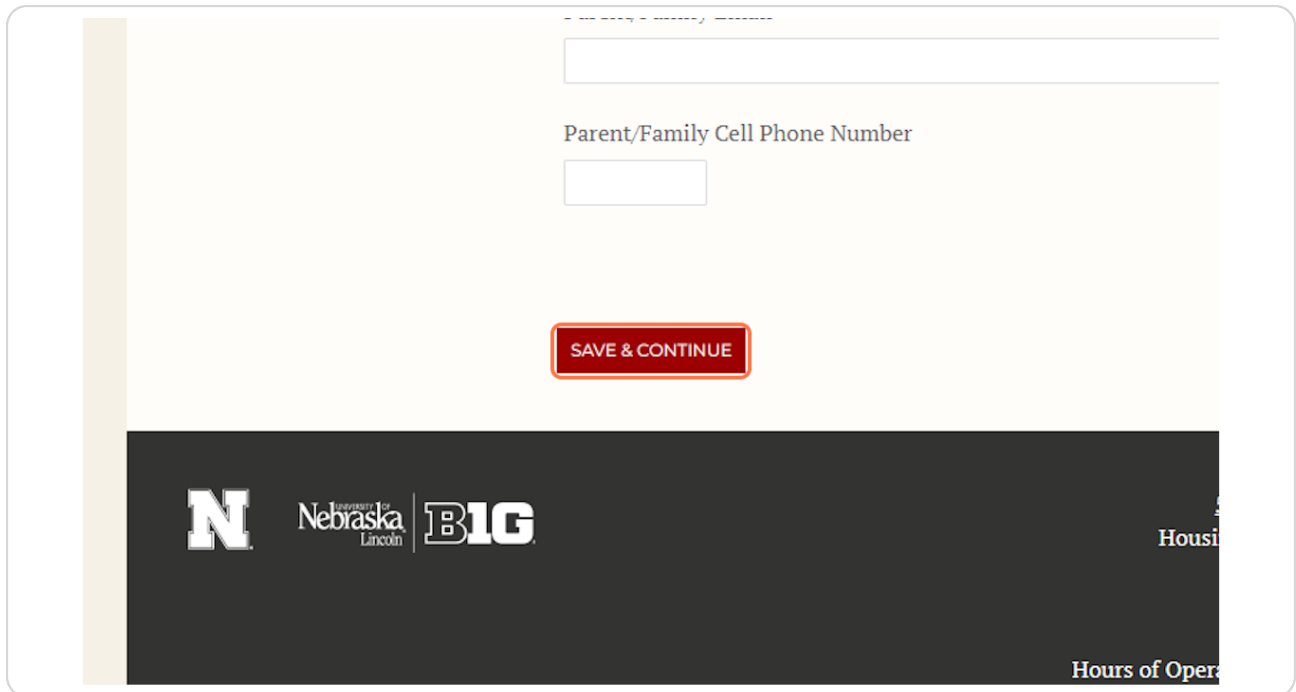
Parent/Family Cell Phone Number



STEP 5

Click on Save & Continue

After confirming that all of the information on this page is correct, click Save & Continue to move to the next page.



The screenshot shows a web form with a light beige background. At the top, there is a partially visible text input field. Below it is a label "Parent/Family Cell Phone Number" followed by an empty text input field. In the center of the form is a red button with white text that says "SAVE & CONTINUE". At the bottom of the form is a dark grey footer bar containing the Nebraska state logo (a large white "N" on a red background), the text "Nebraska Lincoln", and the "BIG" logo. To the right of the footer bar, the words "Hours of Oper" are partially visible.



STEP 6

Indicate whether you would like to be contacted by Dining Services to review your dietary needs.

You can also review the available information about housing and dining accommodations for students with disabilities here.

- My Info
- Emergency Info**
- Additional Housing Information
- My Profile
- About Me
- Join a Waitlist!
- Wait List Status

Emergency Info

Special Considerations

Housing & Dining partners with [Services for Students with Disabilities \(SSD\)](#) to create accessible and inclusive educational and campus experiences for students with disabilities. If you are interested in learning more about possible accommodations in Housing, review the information on this [webpage](#).

Please indicate below if you have any food allergies and/or a medical nutrition or other dietary health related condition of which University Housing should be aware. You may also contact our Dining Services at dining@unl.edu or at (402) 472-3561.

Students indicating "Yes" will be contacted by Dining Services to review dietary needs

Emergency Health Information

University Housing gathers emergency information in order to assist students in the transition to life on campus, and to help provide important information in case of emergency. University Housing does not take responsibility for providing medical care or oversight of medical conditions. Students need to take responsibility for managing their own care and for seeking assistance when needed.

Please describe any health concerns you would like us to be aware of



STEP 7

Add Emergency Health Information (Optional)

If there is any information that you would like us to be aware of in case of an emergency, you can indicate it on this page.

Wait List Status Students indicating "Yes" will be contacted by Dining Services to review dietary needs.

Yes

Emergency Health Information

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Please describe any health concerns you would like us to be aware of

Also, please describe the type of assistance you may need during a health emergency

Emergency Contact Information

In the event of an emergency, University Housing staff may reach out to your emergency contact. Please provide contact information for your preferred emergency contact below.



STEP 8

Add emergency contact information.

You must provide contact information for the person you would like us to contact in case of an emergency.

If you are under 18 years old, your emergency contact must be your parent or legal guardian.

Emergency Contact Information

In the event of an emergency, University Housing staff may reach out to your emergency contact. Please provide contact information for your preferred emergency contact below.

Contact Name

Relationship

Cell Phone Number

Secondary Phone Number (Optional)

Email (Optional)



STEP 9

Provide Missing Persons Contact Information

You must provide contact information for the person you would like us to contact in the event that you go missing. This could be the same person or a different person from your emergency contact.

If you are under 18 years old, your missing persons contact must be your parent or legal guardian.

Missing Persons Contact Details

The University is required to notify your designated missing persons contact within 24 hours if you are determined to be missing by law enforcement. Please provide contact information for an individual you would like to be notified in this situation. Please note, this contact may or may not be the same as your emergency contact listed above.

If you are under the age of 18, such emergency contact must be made to a parent or legal guardian, in addition to the designated missing persons contact you indicate below.

The information contained in this document will be kept confidential and is being compiled to comply with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) and related amendments. Details regarding the University Missing Persons Policy are contained in the Annual Security Report published by University Police and [are available online](#). A hard copy of the report is available for public inspection in the University Police Department, 300 North 17th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Contact Name

Relationship



STEP 10

Click on Save & Continue

After providing your emergency health information, emergency contact, and missing persons contact, click Save & Continue to move to the next page.

The screenshot shows a web form with a light beige background. At the top, there is a partially visible text label. Below it is a white rectangular input field. Underneath that is the text "Zip/Postal Code (Optional)" followed by another white rectangular input field. In the center of the form is a red button with white text that reads "SAVE & CONTINUE". At the bottom of the form is a dark grey footer bar. On the left side of the footer bar, there is a large white letter "N" followed by the text "Nebraska" and "Lincoln" in a smaller font. To the right of this is the logo for "BIG". On the far right of the footer bar, the text "Hours of Oper" is visible, which is partially cut off.



STEP 11

Indicate whether you would like to live in Gender-Inclusive Housing.

If you opt in to Gender-Inclusive Housing, you will be assigned with other roommates in Gender-Inclusive Housing, regardless of gender.

If you do not opt into Gender-Inclusive Housing, you will be assigned with other roommates of your same sex.

My Info	<h2>Additional Housing Information</h2>
Emergency Info	Housing Gender Assignments
Additional Housing Information	Room and roommate assignments will be matched on the basis of sex. The sex appearing below has been pre-populated based on the information in your MyRed account.
My Profile	Sex Male
About Me	
Join a Waitlist!	For students who are interested, we also offer Gender-Inclusive Housing (GIH).
Wait List Status	Students signing up for gender-inclusive rooms search for and/or are assigned a roommate and room regardless of sex. Gender-inclusive housing strives to maintain a welcome and inclusive environment and is available to students of any gender identity and allies to the LGBTQIA+ community. I wish to live in Gender Inclusive Housing. <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes



STEP 12

Read the Criminal Background Certification Statement, and Check the Box to Agree.

If you would like more information on gender-inclusive housing, please contact us at housing@unl.edu or 402-472-3561.


Criminal Background

Certification Statement

University Housing reserves the right to deny or cancel a housing application or contract if University Housing, in its reasonable discretion, determines that a student's past/current behavior or a student's criminal convictions indicate a possible risk to the safety, health, or life of any person, or a possible risk to the safety and security of any property, or presents a serious disruption to the University Housing community or living-learning environment.

By checking below I understand the above:

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Housing Office: (402) 472-3561 | (800) 742-8800
Family Housing: (402) 472-3753
Email: housing@unl.edu



STEP 13

Click on Save & Continue

After indicating whether you would like to be in Gender-Inclusive Housing and agreeing to the Criminal Background Certification Statement, click Save & Continue to move to the next page.

criminal convictions indicate a possible risk to the safety, health, and well-being of the community, or presents a serious danger to the safety and security of any property, or presents a serious danger to the community or living-learning environment.

By checking below I understand the above:

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STEP 14

Complete the Gender-Inclusive Housing Community Agreement (Gender-Inclusive Housing Only)

If you opted into Gender-Inclusive Housing, read through the Gender-Inclusive Housing Community Agreement and check the box to agree.

If you do not agree to the Community Agreement, then you can click "Additional Housing Information" in the navigation bar on the left to return to the previous page and opt out of Gender-Inclusive Housing.

After checking the box, click Save & Continue to move to the next page.

If you have not opted into Gender-Inclusive Housing, you will skip this page automatically and move to Step 15.

- My Info
- Emergency Info
- Additional Housing Information
- GIH Community Agreement
- My Profile
- About Me
- Join a Waitlist!
- Wait List Status

GIH Community Agreement

University Housing recognizes that same-gender room assignments are not ideal or appropriate for all students. Gender-Inclusive Housing seeks to provide an environment that is welcoming to all gender identities. Students signing up for gender-inclusive rooms will be permitted to have roommates and suitemates regardless of gender identity. To be eligible for Gender-Inclusive Housing, students must agree to the following terms and conditions.

- I commit to maintaining an inclusive and welcoming living environment that is free of discrimination based on gender identity and expression.
- I understand that in the event of a vacancy in a Gender-Inclusive space, University Housing may consolidate Gender-Inclusive spaces to best serve all students. University Housing will work closely with students in this process.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to monitor my University of Nebraska – Lincoln email for all University Housing notifications.
- Students will not be assigned to Gender-Inclusive Housing unless they have elected and agreed to these terms.
- Student will not be required to reveal their reason(s) for opting to live in Gender-Inclusive Housing.

Please check the box below to indicate your understanding and agreement to the above statements.

I agree to the above terms and conditions of Gender-Inclusive Housing.

If you do not agree to the above terms and conditions, [please click here](#) to return to the

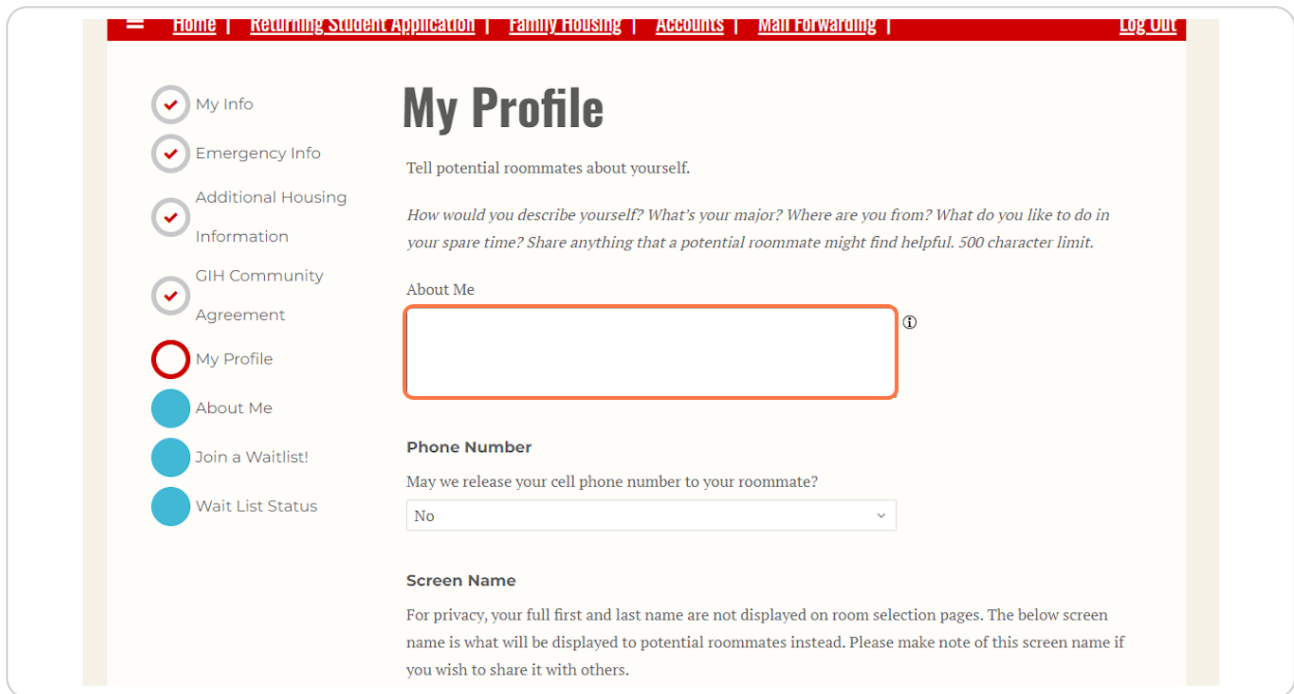


STEP 15

Fill Out Your Roommate Profile.

This gives you an opportunity to share a little bit about yourself to help you be matched with the best possible roommate.

Please Note: The roommate finder will not be open for the Spring 2025 semester. University Housing will attempt to make the best possible roommate matches with the space that is available.



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My Profile

Tell potential roommates about yourself.

How would you describe yourself? What's your major? Where are you from? What do you like to do in your spare time? Share anything that a potential roommate might find helpful. 500 character limit.

About Me

Phone Number

May we release your cell phone number to your roommate?

No

Screen Name

For privacy, your full first and last name are not displayed on room selection pages. The below screen name is what will be displayed to potential roommates instead. Please make note of this screen name if you wish to share it with others.



STEP 16

Indicate whether you would like us to share your cell phone number on file with your roommate.

Sharing your phone number can help you connect with your new roommate once you are assigned to live together, but it is not required.

- Additional Housing Information
- GIH Community Agreement
- My Profile
- About Me
- Join a Waitlist!
- Wait List Status

How would you describe yourself? What's your major? Where are you from? What do you like to do in your spare time? Share anything that a potential roommate might find helpful. 500 character limit.

About Me ⓘ

Phone Number

May we release your cell phone number to your roommate?

Screen Name

For privacy, your full first and last name are not displayed on room selection pages. The below screen name is what will be displayed to potential roommates instead. Please make note of this screen name if you wish to share it with others.

Screen Name

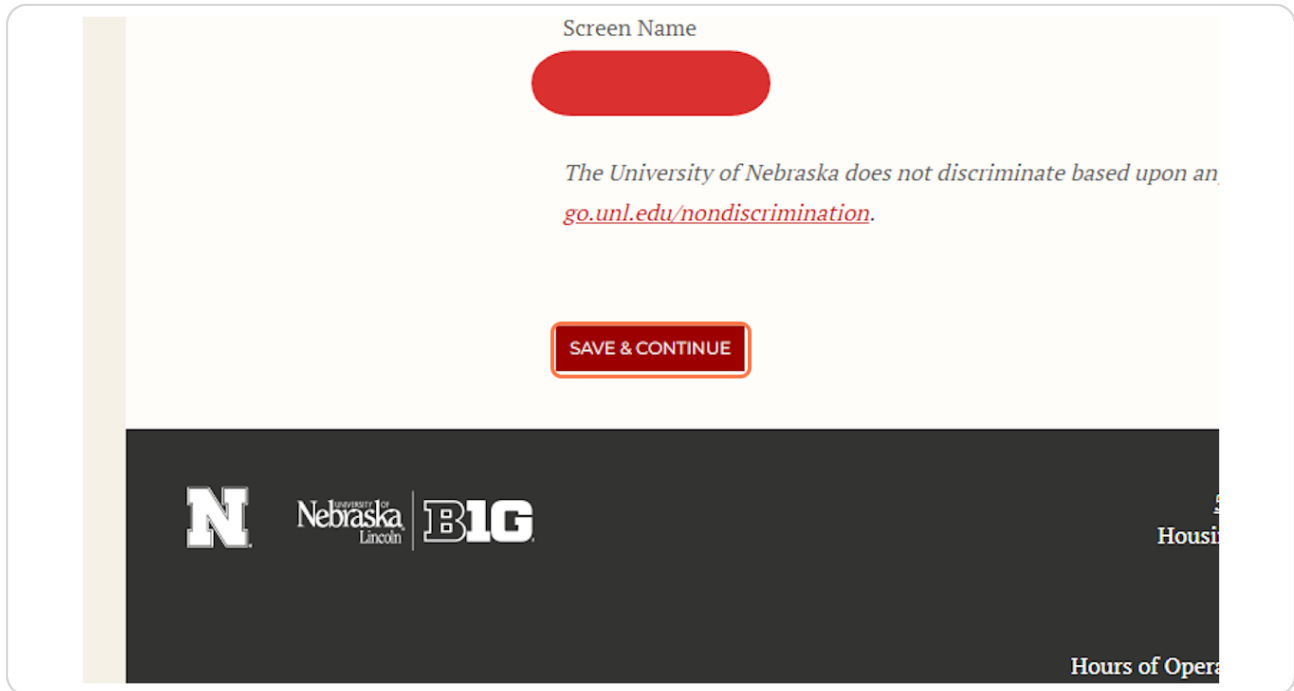
The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based upon any protected status. Please see go.unl.edu/nondiscrimination.



STEP 17

Click Save & Continue

After completing your roommate profile, click Save & Continue to move to the next page.



Screen Name

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STEP 18

Fill Out the Roommate Matching Questionnaire

These questions about your lifestyle and preferences for your room and roommates will help us to match you with the roommates that will be a good fit for you.

You must answer all of the questions.

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Community

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About Me

Answer the questions below to help you match with a roommate. It's important to answer these profile questions honestly and accurately. The answers to these questions will match you to compatible roommates.

Housing Questionnaire

You view your room/suite primarily as:

A space to hang out with small

You view your roommate as someone with whom you:

May occasionally hang out with

How do you generally keep your room?

Mostly clean

The ideal temperature in your room is:

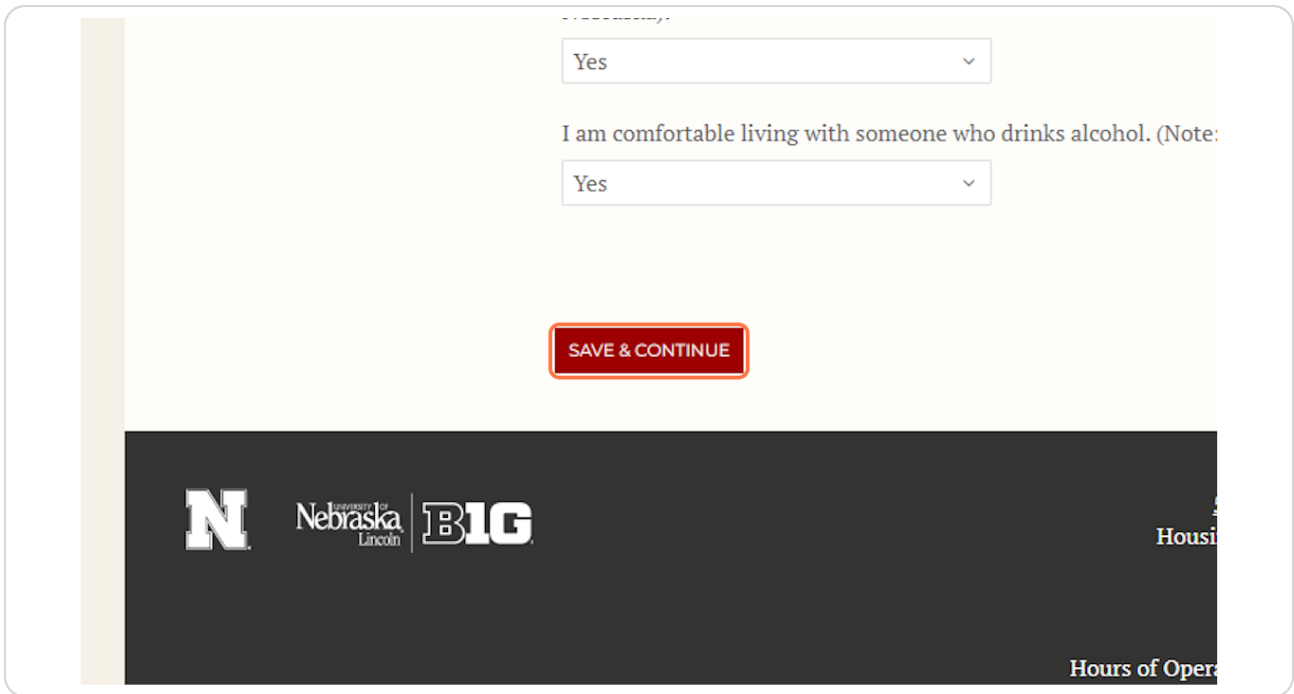
Medium (70-73F)



STEP 19

Click on Save & Continue

After completing all of the roommate matching questionnaire, click Save & Continue to move to the next page.



The screenshot shows a portion of a questionnaire. At the top, there is a dropdown menu with 'Yes' selected. Below it is the text 'I am comfortable living with someone who drinks alcohol. (Note:'. Underneath this text is another dropdown menu, also with 'Yes' selected. In the center of the form is a red button with the text 'SAVE & CONTINUE'. At the bottom of the form is a dark footer bar containing the 'N' logo, the text 'University of Nebraska Lincoln', the 'BIG' logo, and the text 'Hours of Oper'.



STEP 20

Select your preferences for residence halls and room types, starting with your most preferred residence hall.

If you end up selecting your own room, then you will be able to pick a space from what is available, regardless of what you have listed as your preferences. However, listing your preferences here will help us to most effectively assign you to a space if you remain on the waitlist.

Room Preferences

Using the tool below, please rank your preferred residence halls. These preferences will be used when offering housing assignments from the waitlist. If you go through the standard room selection process, you'll simply be able to select from available spaces.

Please review the [floor plan layouts and video tours of each hall](#), as well as [room rates and room types](#) as you rank your preferences. Note that Massengale Residential Center is on East Campus.

Please add at least 3 preferences. Please select at least 3 unique locations.

ADD PREFERENCE

Order	Location	Room Preference	Delete
1	<input type="text" value="Massengale"/>	<input type="text" value="--Please--"/>	<input type="button" value="DELETE"/>

You can add 1 more preferences for: Massengale Residential Center

SAVE & CONTINUE



STEP 21

Select your preferred room type in the first hall you selected.

For example, you will be selecting from room types like '4 bedroom apartment', 'traditional single room', etc.

The screenshot shows a web form interface for selecting room preferences. At the top, a grey instruction bar reads: "Please add at least 3 preferences. Please select at least 3 unique locations." To the right of this bar is a red button labeled "ADD PREFERENCE". Below the instruction bar is a table with a red header. The header has three columns: "Location", "Room Preference", and "Delete". The table contains one row with the following cells: a dropdown menu showing "Massengale" with a downward arrow, another dropdown menu showing "Massengale" with a downward arrow, and a button labeled "DELETE". To the left of the table, a red button labeled "CONTINUE" is partially visible. At the bottom of the form, there is a solid black horizontal bar.

Location	Room Preference	Delete
Massengale	Massengale	DELETE



STEP 22

Click on Add Preference to Select Your Second Most Preferred Hall and Room Type.

You will need to repeat these steps until you have indicated three preferences, each in different residence halls.

spaces.

[tours of each hall](#), as well as [room rates and room types](#) as
gale Residential Center is on East Campus.

Select at least 3 unique locations.

ADD PREFERENCE

Room Preference	Delete
<input type="text" value="Massengale"/>	DELETE



STEP 23

Once you have added three preferences, Click on Save & Continue



STEP 24

Select Your Housing Placement Priority

If you end up selecting your own room, then you will be able to pick a space from what is available, regardless of what you have listed as your placement priority here. However, listing your priority here will help us to most effectively assign you to a space if you remain on the waitlist.

You will be able to select from the following choices:

"I'll take any available space on campus."

"I desire to live only in my preferred hall(s)."

"I prefer to live with my requested roommates over a specific location."

- My Info
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- Housing Placement Priorities**
- Join a Waitlist!
- Wait List Status

Housing Placement Priorities

This page will only be applicable for students on the waitlist that do not go through the initial Room Selection process. Students going through room selection will simply select a room from available spaces.

UNL Housing is committed to offering as many on-campus spaces to upperclassman as inventory allows. You previously shared your hall preferences with us, and will be able to list roommate preferences on the following page.

Please utilize this page to share your housing placement priority below so we can be as intentional as possible when making room space offers from the waitlist.

Our office will make every effort to meet your housing placement priority when offering spaces from the waitlist. However, our main priority is ensuring you have a place on campus. Even if your top choices aren't available, we'll still offer you a space.

Which of these statements best reflects your on-campus housing placement priorities?

I'll take any available space on campus.

SAVE & CONTINUE



STEP 25

Click on Save & Continue

- Priorities
- Join a Waitlist!
- Wait List Status

Our office will make every effort to meet your housing preferences from the waitlist. However, our main priority is ensuring that you have a place to live. Even if your top choices aren't available, we'll still offer you a space.

Which of these statements best reflects your on-campus housing preference?

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STEP 26

Click on Select Wait List

Here you will reach the Join a Waitlist page. There is only one waitlist to join. After clicking "Select Wait List" you must scroll to the bottom of the page and click Save & Continue, or else you will not actually be on the waitlist.

Join a Waitlist!

Wait List Status

Suite Style-2 bdrm Double

Suite Style-4 bdrm Single

TRAD - Single

Room Locations

Abel Hall

Eastside Suites

Massengale Residential Center

The Courtyards

The Village

University Suites

Upperclassman students are eligible to reside in apartment and suite style communities, as well as limited traditional style rooms in Abel. Review all on-campus housing options for both City and East campuses [here](#).

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Applicants on Wait List: 1

TermID: 2025-2026 Academic Year

SELECT WAIT LIST



STEP 27

Add any information about your preferred roommates in the Wait List Comments box.

Be sure to include their name and NUID in the comments box. They must also list you when they join the waitlist, so that we know there is a mutual agreement that you would like to live together.

If you are selecting your own space, you will have the opportunity to form a roommate group with other students within the first 1,400 to join the waitlist, so these comments would not be needed. However, listing your preferred roommate(s) here will help us to assign you most effectively if you remain on the waitlist.

Our main priority is ensuring you have a place on campus. Even if your top choices aren't available, we'll still offer you a space.

2025-2026 Academic Year
Applicants on Wait List: 1

TermID: 2025-2026 Academic Year

Wait List Comments:

I would like to live with Sally Snowstorm (NUID: 01234567)

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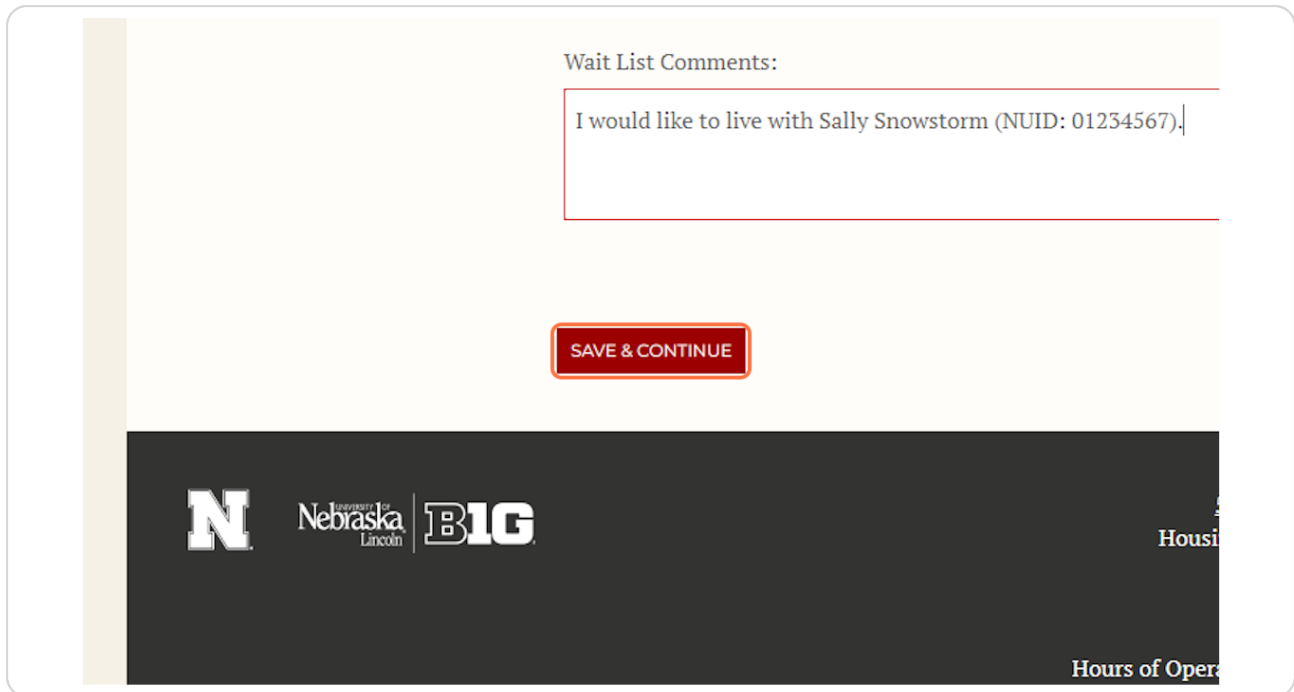
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Website: housing.unl.edu



STEP 28

Click on Save & Continue

You must click Save & Continue on this page to join the waitlist. You will receive a confirmation email letting you know you have successfully joined the waitlist after doing so.



Wait List Comments:

I would like to live with Sally Snowstorm (NUID: 01234567)|

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STEP 29

View your Waitlist Status

The number in the Waitlist Order column shows your position on the waitlist.

If your number is 1,400 or less, then you will be assigned a room selection time to pick your own room.

If your number is higher than 1,400, then you will remain on the waitlist. Offers will be made to students on the waitlist on a rolling basis as space becomes available. Returning to your application in the housing portal will allow you to return to this page at any time and see your position on the waitlist.

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Join a Waitlist!

Wait List Status

You have been successfully added to waitlist: 2025-2026 Academic Year.

Thank you for joining the UNL 2025-2026 Waitlist. The first 1400 students on the waitlist will go through the room selection process. All remaining students on the waitlist will remain on the waitlist until University Housing is able to offer you a space or you opt to remove yourself from the waitlist.

While we'll consider your housing and roommate preferences, our main priority is ensuring you have a place on campus. Even if your top choices aren't available, we'll still offer you a space.

Wait List Status:

Description	# Applicants on Waitlist	Waitlist Order	Actions
2025-2026 Academic Year	2	2	DELETE

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Family Housing: (402) 472-3753
Email: housing@unl.edu
Website: housing.unl.edu



STEP 30

Click on Save & Continue

Priorities

- Join a Waitlist!
- Wait List Status

Description	Waitlist	Waitlist
2025-2026 Academic Year	2	2

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STEP 31

You have successfully joined the waitlist!

You will receive a confirmation email to let you know that you have been added to the waitlist. Keep an eye out for more communication from us with next steps!

Hi ,

You have successfully joined the UNL 2025-2026 Housing Waitlist!

ROOM SELECTION

- The first 1400 students to join the waitlist will be eligible to receive a room selection timeslot in December. Check your
- Students going through room selection can utilize the Roommate Finder within the Housing Portal from Nov. 8 - Nov. 11

WAITLIST AFTER ROOM SELECTION

- Students remaining on the waitlist that did not go through room selection need not take any further action. Spaces will
- University Housing will consider any preferences indicated in your housing application. However, housing placements
- University Housing will offer you a space when available, regardless if top choices are available.

