

# **UNL Returning /Transfer Student Housing Application Part 1: Joining the Waitlist Step-by-Step Guide 2026-2027 Academic Year**

This guide is for continuing undergraduate students, new transfer students, and graduate students who would like to live on campus for the 2026-2027 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: [2026-27 Housing Sign-Up | University Housing | Nebraska.](#)

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## **HOUSING & DINING**

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# Navigate to the Housing Portal

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

## STEP 1

**Click on Returning Student/New Transfer 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](#)

**Messages**

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**ROOMMATE FINDER**



STEP 2

Click on Apply for 2026-2027 Academic Year

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Test Fall Application Term Selector

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

2025-2026 Academic Year

(8/17/2025 - 5/9/2026)

APPLY

2026-2027 Academic Year

(8/16/2026 - 5/8/2027)

APPLY

2026 Spring Only - Room and Meals

(1/7/2026 - 5/9/2026)

APPLY



### 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.

**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](mailto: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.

Parent/Family Cell Phone Number

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## 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

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## 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](mailto:dining@unl.edu) or at (402) 472-3561.

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

Yes

### 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

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

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

Ronnie Raindrop

Relationship

Friend

Cell Phone Number

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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

Susie Sunshine

Relationship

Friend



## 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.

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Zip/Postal Code (Optional)

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## STEP 11

### **Indicate whether you would like to live in Dynamic Housing.**

If you opt in to Dynamic Housing, you will be assigned with other roommates in Dynamic Housing, regardless of sex.

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

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## Additional Housing Information

### Housing Gender Assignments

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.

Sex

Male

For students who are interested, we also offer Dynamic Housing. Students signing up for dynamic rooms search for and/or are assigned a roommate and room regardless of sex.

I wish to live in Dynamic Housing.

☒ No  
☐ Yes



## STEP 12

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

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](mailto:housing@unl.edu)  
Website: [housing.unl.edu](http://housing.unl.edu)  
Hours of Operation: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. CST



## STEP 13

### Click on Save & Continue

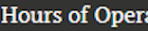
After agreeing to the Criminal Background Certification Statement, click Save & Continue to move to the next page.

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

By checking below I understand the above:

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## STEP 14

### Complete the Dynamic Housing Community Agreement (Dynamic Housing Only)

If you opted into Dynamic Housing, read through the Dynamic 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 Dynamic Housing.

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

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

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Emergency Info

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Additional Housing Information

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Dynamic Housing Community Agreement

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Room Preferences

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My Profile

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About Me

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Residential Communities

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Meal Plan Selection

## Dynamic Housing Community Agreement

Students signing up for dynamic rooms search for and/or are assigned a roommate and room regardless of sex. To be eligible for Dynamic 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.
- I understand that in the event of a vacancy in a dynamic space, University Housing may consolidate 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 Dynamic 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 Dynamic 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 Dynamic Housing.

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**If you do not agree to the above terms and conditions, please select "Additional Housing Information" on the left-hand side of the screen to return to the previous page and proceed through the housing application.**

If you would like more information on Dynamic Housing, please contact us at [housing@unl.edu](mailto:housing@unl.edu) or 402-472-3561.

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## 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.

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☒ Additional Housing Information

☒ GIH Community Agreement

☒ My Profile

☐ About Me

☐ Join a Waitlist!

☐ Wait List Status

## 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.

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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?

Yes

**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](http://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

*The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based upon an*  
*[go.unl.edu/nondiscrimination](http://go.unl.edu/nondiscrimination).*

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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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## 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:

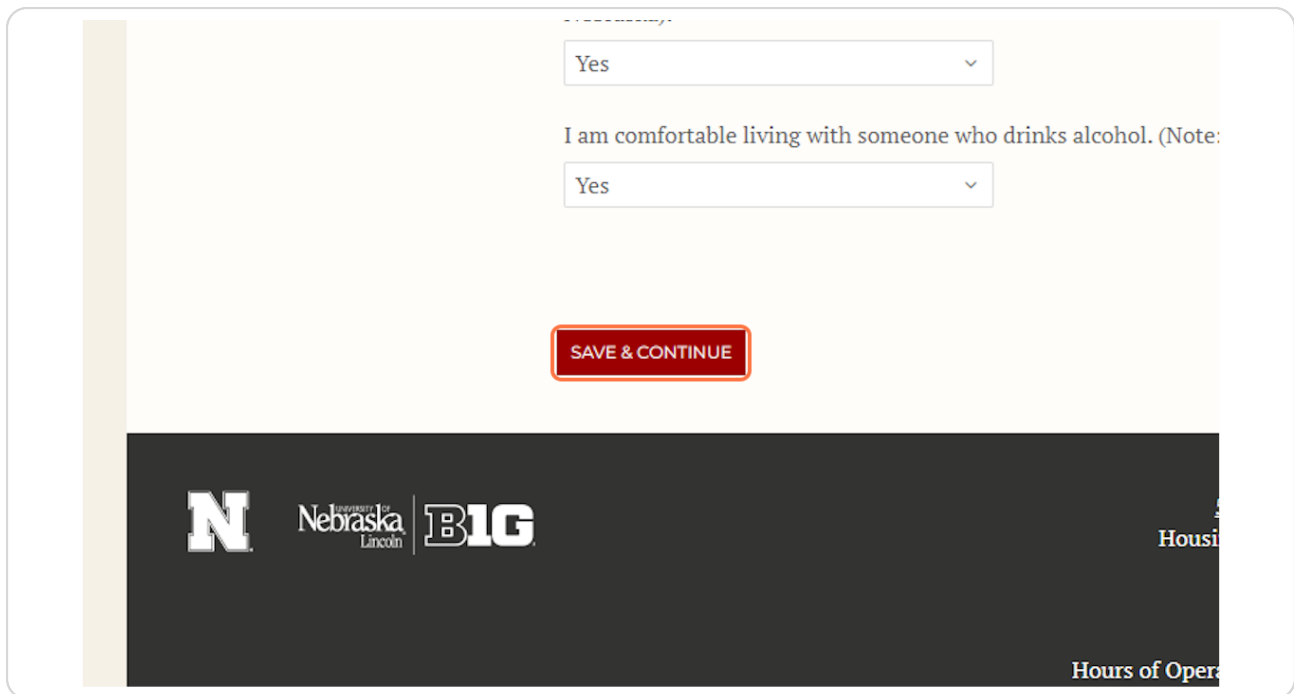
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## STEP 19

### 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 web form for a roommate matching questionnaire. It features two dropdown menus, both with "Yes" selected. The first dropdown is partially obscured by the text "I am comfortable living with someone who drinks alcohol. (Note:". The second dropdown is below it. A red button labeled "SAVE & CONTINUE" is centered below the questions. At the bottom of the form is a dark grey footer bar containing the Nebraska-Lincoln logo (a large "N" and the text "University of Nebraska Lincoln"), the "BIG" logo, and the text "Housing" and "Hours of Oper".

Yes

I am comfortable living with someone who drinks alcohol. (Note:

Yes

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## 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.

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✓ My Profile

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## 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     | <div>Massengale</div> | <div>---Please</div> | <div>DELETE</div> |

You can add 1 more preferences for: Massengale Residential Center

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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.

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

ADD PREFERENCE

| Location              | Room Preference       | Delete            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <div>Massengale</div> | <div>Massengale</div> | <div>DELETE</div> |

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## 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.

...ing 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     | Massengale | Massengale      | DELETE |



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

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## 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."

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☒ Emergency Info

☒ Additional Housing Information

☒ My Profile

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☒ Room Preferences

☒ 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.

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## 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 a room is available for all students. Even if your top choices aren't available, we'll still offer you a room.

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

I'll take any available space on campus.

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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.

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Join a Waitlist!

We welcome you to join the UNL Waitlist! Those joining will remain on the waitlist until a housing placement is available.

1. Select your Waitlist directly below.

2. Select the "Save & Continue" button on the bottom of the page to secure your place on the Wait List.

Select the 2026-2027 Waitlist below to complete the first portion of your application. If you do not join the Waitlist, you will not be considered for a housing assignment.

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

The first 1400 students to join the waitlist will be eligible for room selection. Any students who join after will be offered rooms based on availability once room selection is complete.

2026-2027 Academic Year  
Applicants on Wait List: 1  
TermID: 2026-2027 Academic Year

**SELECT WAITLIST**

**Your Selected 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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Family Housing: (402) 472-3753  
Email: [housing@unl.edu](mailto:housing@unl.edu)  
Website: [housing.unl.edu](http://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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✓ Room Preferences

✓ Housing Placement Priorities

✓ Join a Waitlist!

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## Wait List Status

You have been successfully added to waitlist: 2026-2027 Academic Year.

Thank you for joining the UNL Waitlist. All 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                 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 2026-2027 Academic Year | 2                        | 2              | <button>DELETE</button> |

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## STEP 30

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Wait List Status:

| Description             | # Applicants on Waitlist | Waitlist Order | Actions                 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 2026-2027 Academic Year | 2                        | 2              | <button>DELETE</button> |

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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!

Successfully Joined UNL Housing Waitlist!

Housing <housing@unl.edu>

To



Hi ,

You have successfully joined the UNL 2026-2027 Academic Year Waitlist! When space becomes available, you will be offered a space in on-campus housing for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

- Students on the waitlist need not take any further action. Spaces will be offered as vacancies occur.
- University Housing will consider any preferences indicated in your housing application. However, housing placements will depend on the availability of each room type and location.
- If room becomes available, University Housing will offer you a space, regardless if top choices are available.

Please reach out if you have any additional questions.

With Care,

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