



# *Retriever* Housing Selection

2023-2024



# What is Housing Selection?

Housing Selection is the process by which current students choose their room and roommates for the upcoming academic year.

Students are guaranteed housing for the upcoming academic year if they participate in the Housing Selection process.





# things to consider before March



Clear any student  
account holds



Budget & plan to pay the  
\$200 Reservation Fee



Determine where you  
are eligible &  
interested in living



Use the Housing  
Selection Assistant  
to navigate the process

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# Make a Choice

Undergraduate students with at least 39 completed credits may be able to choose to participate in the Walker Avenue or the Residential Life Housing Selection process.

Eligible students cannot participate in both processes.



**APPLY**  
Be one of the first 500 applicants between March 1-10

**FORM A ROOMMATE GROUP**  
March 1-17

**SELECT A ROOM**  
March 28 & 29



**APPLY**  
April 1-14

**FORM A ROOMMATE GROUP**  
April 1-17

**SELECT A ROOM**  
April 26-28



# Walker Avenue Eligibility

If you meet all criteria you will be granted access to the Walker Avenue Housing Selection Application on March 1, 2023.

## Academic Status

- Must be a currently enrolled UMBC resident or commuter who completed a “Commuter Pass” with a current resident, and
- Must either be enrolled as a graduate student or be an undergraduate student with 39+ completed credits by March 1, 2023.

## Good Financial Standing

- Must be in good financial standing. Students with outstanding student account balances greater than \$250 will not be granted access to the application.

## First 500 Applicants

Must be one of the first 500 students to fully submit their Walker Avenue Housing Selection Application, License, and \$200 Reservation Fee, as space is limited at Walker Avenue.

Residents who do not make the cut-off may have the option to:

- Complete the Residential Life Housing Selection application available April 1, 2023 and participate in Residential Life housing selection, or
- Complete the General Interest Application on May 2, 2023 to be added to the the housing waitlist and Walker Avenue referral list.



# Walker Avenue

## *Timeline*

Commuter Pass Available	March 1, 2023
Walker Avenue Housing Selection Applications Available to Eligible Students	March 1, 2023
Walker Avenue Housing Selection Application Deadline	March 10, 2023 at 5PM*
Walker Avenue Roommate Social	March 8, 2023 at 8PM Apartment Community Center
Walker Avenue Roommate Formation Deadline	March 17, 2023
Walker Avenue Housing Selection	March 28 & 29, 2023



\*The Walker Avenue Housing Selection Application will close on March 10, 2023 at 5PM or when 500 individuals have applied, whichever occurs first.

# Residential Life Eligibility

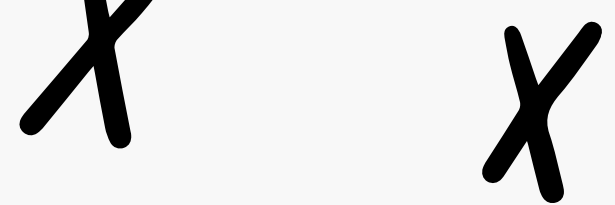
If you meet all criteria you will be granted access to the Residential Life Housing Selection Application on April 1, 2023.

## Academic Status

- Must be a currently enrolled UMBC resident or commuter who completed a “Commuter Pass” with a current resident.
- Must be an undergraduate student, who did not complete a Walker Avenue Apartment’s Housing Selection Application (March 2023).

## Good Financial Standing

Must be in good financial standing. Students with outstanding student account balances greater than \$250 will not be granted access to the application.



# Residential Life

## *Timeline*

Commuter Pass Available	March 1, 2023
Residential Life Housing Selection Applications Available to Eligible Students	April 1, 2023
Residential Life Housing Selection Application Deadline	April 14, 2023 at 5PM
Residential Life Roommate Social	April 12, 2023 at 8PM Apartment Community Center
Residential Life Roommate Formation Deadline	April 17, 2023
Residential Life Housing Selection	April 26-28, 2023





# Step 1 Application



As part of the application you will be required to acknowledge the Housing License (contract) and pay a \$200 Reservation Fee.



While there are questions on the application about your housing preferences, the application does not determine where you will live. You will have the opportunity to pick your room during Room Selection.



Students that submit an application & decide not to live on campus will be assessed a cancellation fee.

Students that do not fully submit an application will not be guaranteed housing and cannot participate in selection.



# Options if you miss the application deadlines

If you miss the Walker Ave deadline or cut-off, you may be eligible to participate in the Residential Life Housing Selection process.

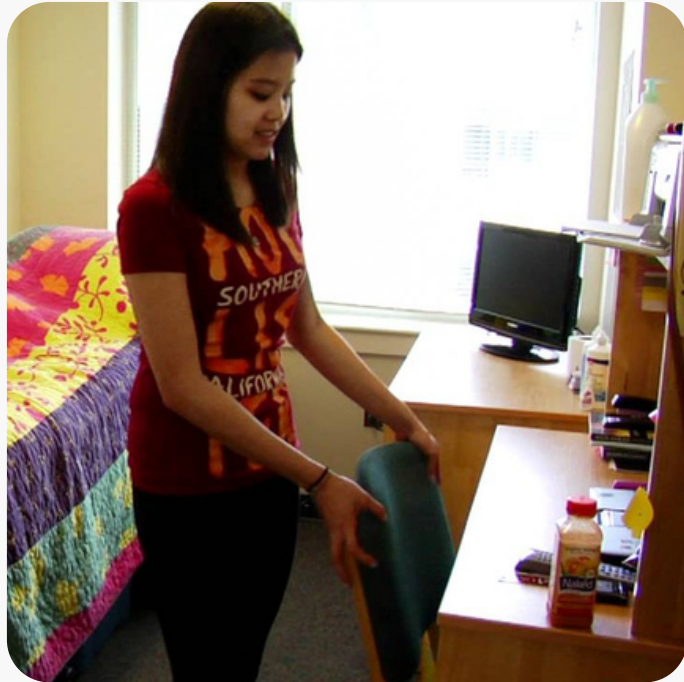
Apply to be added to the housing waitlist starting **May 2, 2023**. Visit [reslife.umbc.edu/apply/housing-waitlist-process/](https://reslife.umbc.edu/apply/housing-waitlist-process/) for more information.

Consider off-campus housing options. Visit [ocss.umbc.edu](https://ocss.umbc.edu) for more information.





# Step 2 Group Formation



Forming a roommate group is **optional**

Please note that participating as an individual does not guarantee you will get a single room



You can find roommates on the housing portal or at a roommate social



If you form a group, it must be a group of **2 or 4**



You can only form a roommate groups with those students who have completed the same application type as yourself



# Step 3

## Selection

Your selection time will be sent to your UMBC email at least two days before the start of the selection period.

Selection times are assigned based on your group's average completed credits and the selection process in which you are participating. If you are not part of a group, your time is assigned based on your completed credits.

Times are not prioritized by group size or class year.

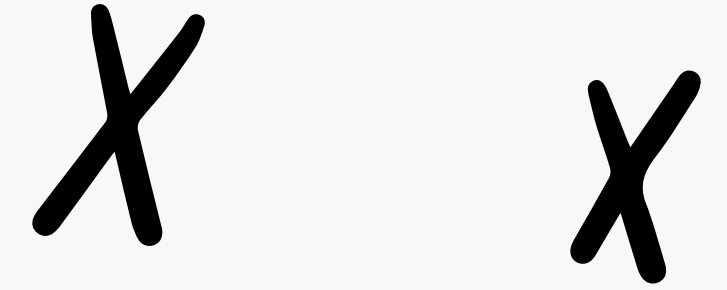
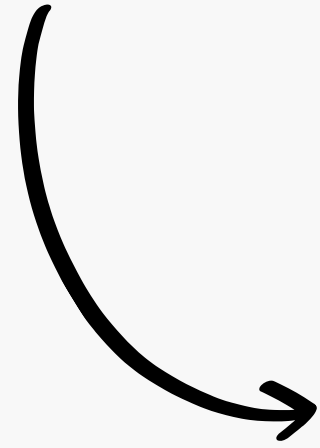


The group leader must log into the housing portal during the assigned selection time to pick a room from the **available inventory**.

Some buildings or communities may not be available for you to select, as they may be dedicated for first-year students and/or Quarantine & Isolation housing.

Residential Life cannot stress how important it is that students pick a room. It's better to pick something and contact our office after selection to see if a change can be made, then to not select anything and be assigned in the summer to whatever spaces remain.





# Contact Us

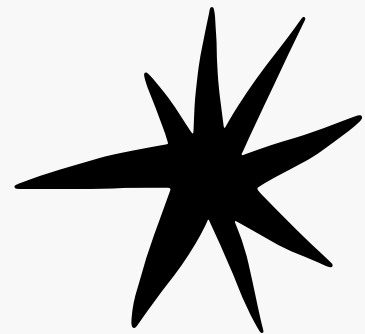


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