

Avenue Apartment Housing Selection

2025 - 2026 Guide to Housing Selection

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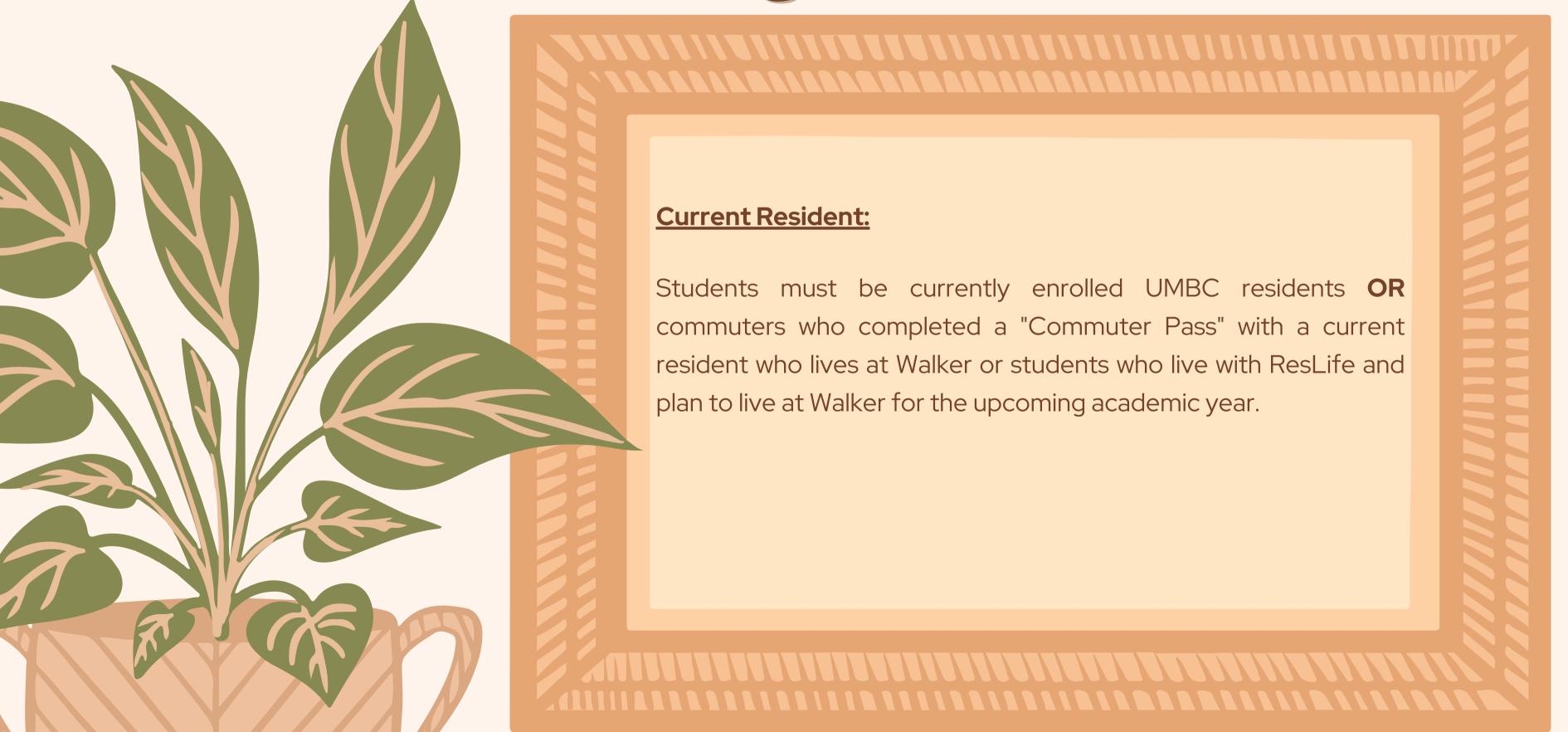
March 3rd- WAA Housing Selection Application Available at 10 AM

March 7th - WAA Application Deadline at 5 PM or when Walker reaches **500 applications limit**

March 14th - Roommate Formation Deadline at 5 PM

March 26th & 27th - WAA Housing Selection

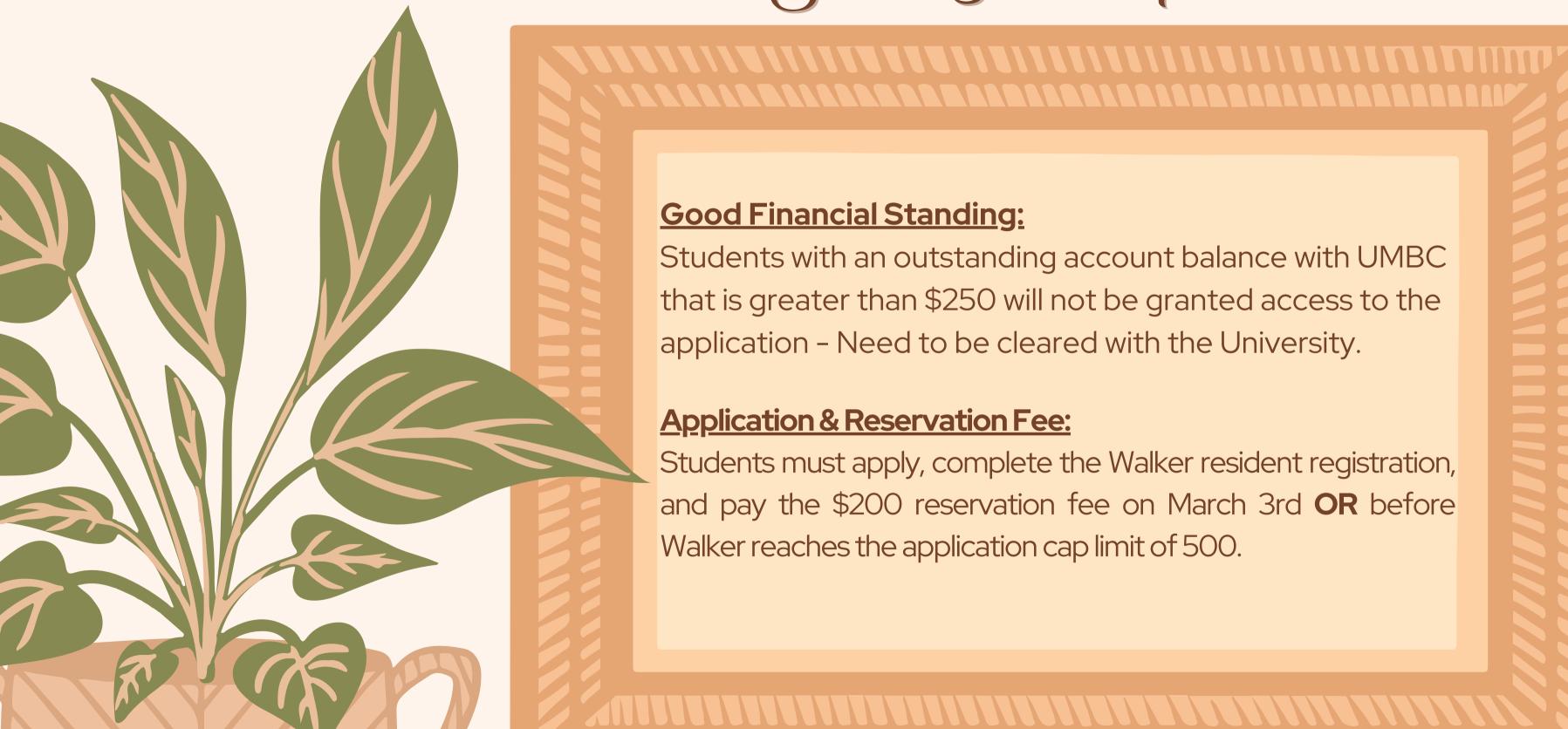


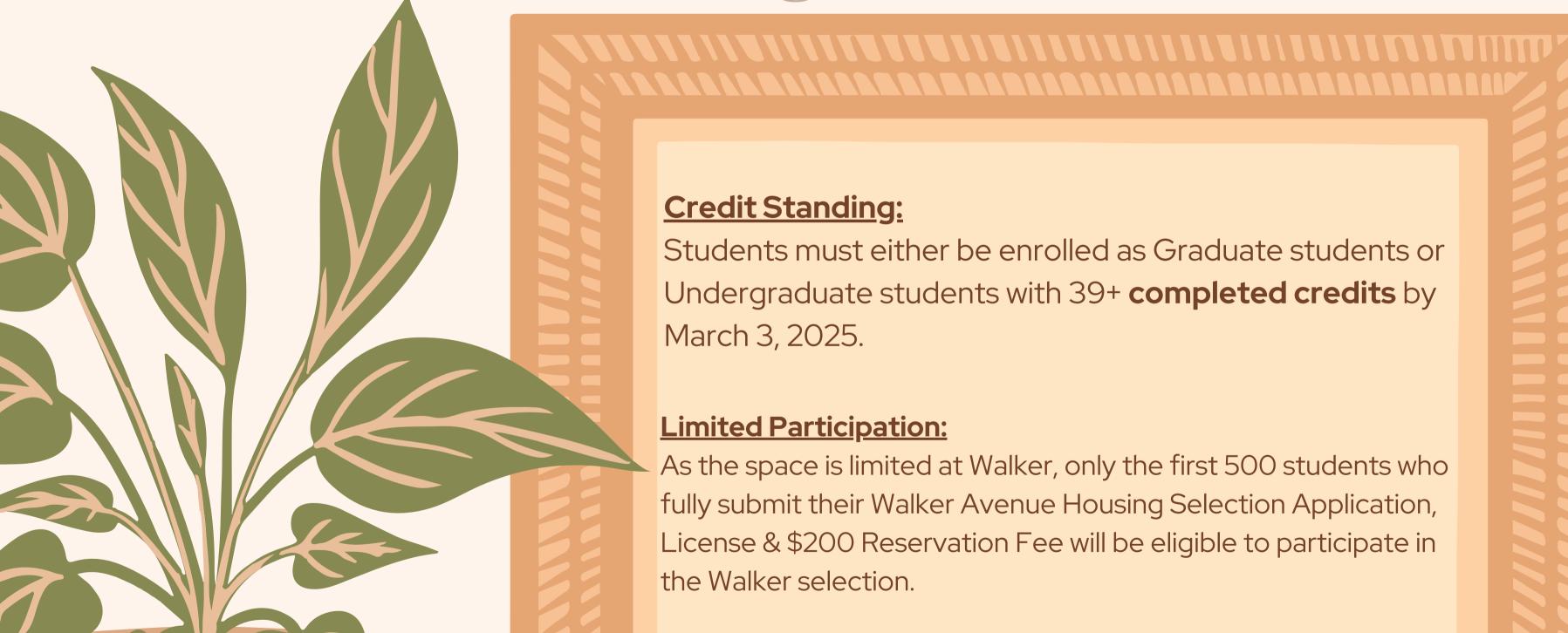


Commuter Pass:

The pass is currently available and can be found within the Housing Application for 2025–2026 on the UMBC housing portal, Starrez. This application includes a checkpoint for students to register for the commuter pass, which requires approval from the Residential Life Department.

Once approved, the ResLife Department will notify students regarding their approval status. Those who receive the approved commuter pass can wait until the housing selection opens to apply for housing with Walker.





Housing Selection Process

<u>Apply:</u> Complete your Walker Housing Selection Application, License & and \$200 Reservation Fee by **March 3rd** or before Walker reaches the **500 applications limit.**

Form A Group: This step is optional – Students may apply for housing and select a room as an individual. Alternatively, you may form groups of 2 or 4 by March 14 at 5 p.m.

Group of 3 needs to be approved due to limited availability.

Select: Your selection time will be sent to your UMBC email at least 2 days before the start of the selection period.

Login to the UMBC housing portal during your assigned time to pick your room for the upcoming year.

Apply at Walker

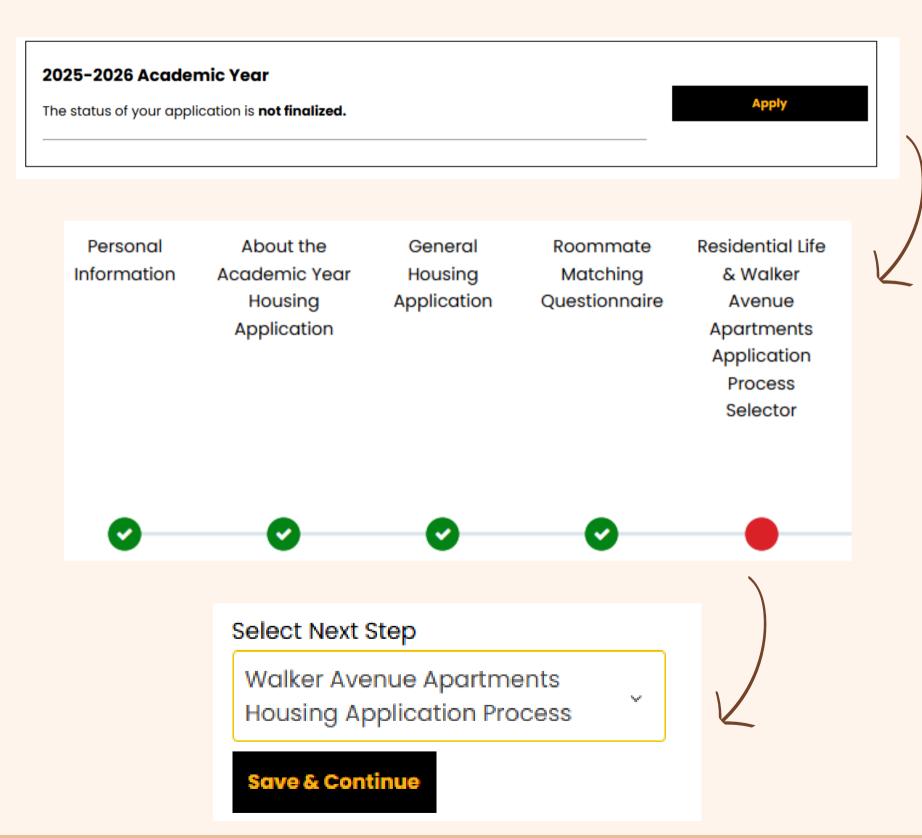
- Current residents must submit their Housing Selection Application (License and Reservation Fee) by March 3 or before Walker reaches the application limit.
- Current residents must pay a \$200 housing reservation fee to reserve their future spaces in Housing Selection.
- Payments can be processed via card transactions or ACH (Bank draft).
 - ACH (E-check): No processing fee of \$0; however, it's slower and does not provide real-time payment updates.
 - Debit Card: \$8.95 / Credit Card: 3% fee.
- The reservation fee will be applied as a credit toward your first 2025–2026 housing payment with Walker.

UMBC will issue a notification to inform all current students once we reach our application limit.



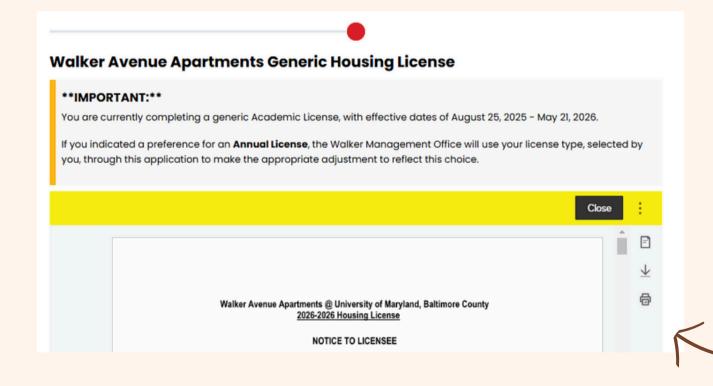
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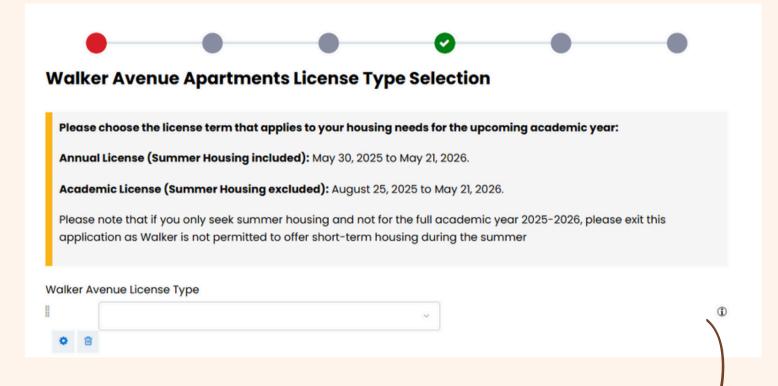
- Log into the <u>UMBC housing portal</u>, <u>Starrez</u>, and begin the housing application process under the "On-Campus Housing Application" tab.
- Complete the application by entering your details and sharing your housing preferences with Walker, while giving a glimpse into your living habits.
- On the "Residential Life & Walker Avenue Apartments Application Process Selector," choose "Walker Avenue Apartment Housing Application Process" to stay on the right track for Walker's path.



1. Submit the Housing Application 2025 - 2026:

- Select your preferred housing license term: Annual (12-month housing) vs Academic (9-month housing).
- Select your housing style preferences.
- Sign the **legally binding license** via DocuSign.





WAA Housing Preferences

Housing Styles & Options

We encourage you to visit https://walkeravenueapts.com/ to learn more about our housing styles, options, and room rates before completing this section of the application.

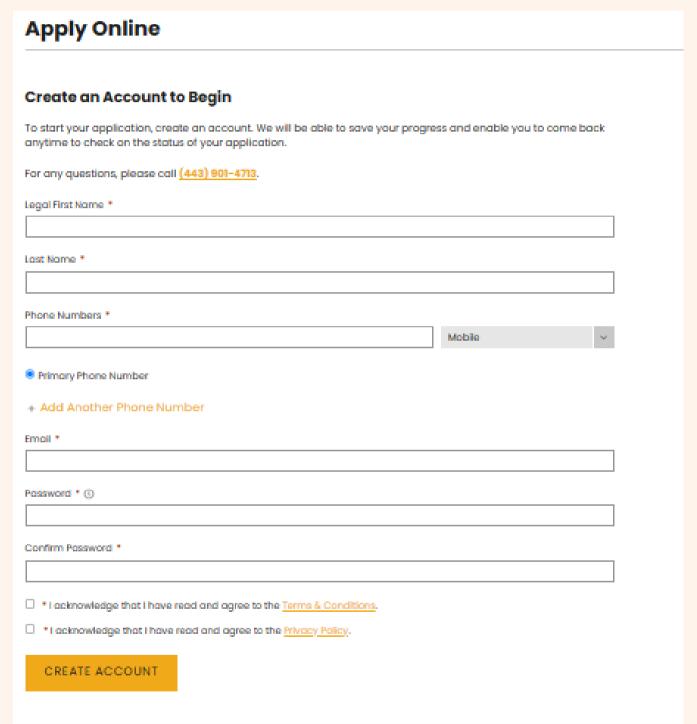
IMPORTANT: You have selected to continue through the Walker Avenue License process (not Residential Life). The following questions and pages will continue you through the process of licensing with Walker Avenue Apartments, owned by MEDCO.

Please note that indicating any of these preferences does not guarantee you placement in that type of space, you will need to participate in housing selection to choose your own space per the housing selection brochure.

To learn more about key distinctions between UMBC-owned residence halls/apartments and MEDCO's Walker Avenue Apartments please visit https://reslife.umbc.edu/rlexperience/procedures/.

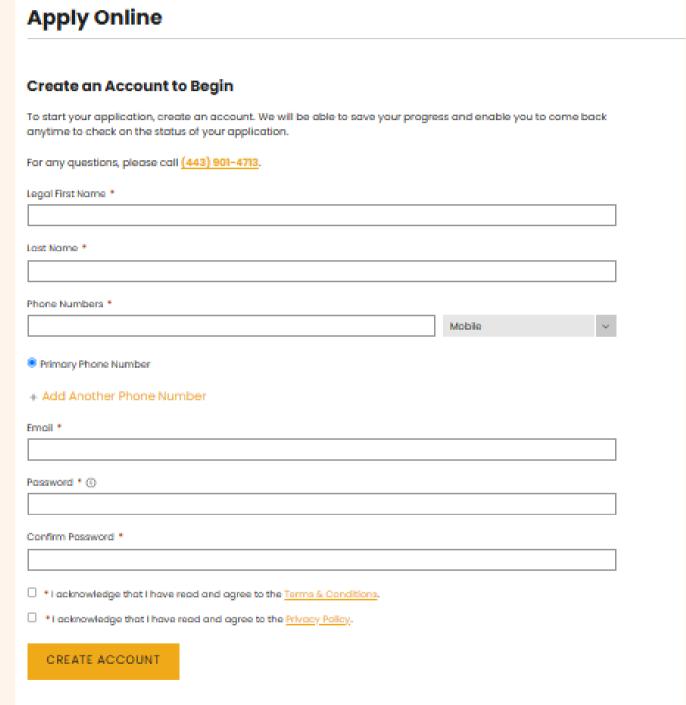
2. Portal Registration and Reservation Fee Payment in Entrata:

- The system will redirect you to the Walker housing portal, Entrata, where you can register for a prospect account and submit the \$200 housing reservation fee.
- The portal registration process will ask the applicant to respond to questions similar to those found in the Starrez application.
- Kindly be aware that the options available in the portal registration for the license term and apartment type will default to the academic license (9-month housing) in a four-bedroom apartment.
- Walker will use the information provided in the Starrez housing application as the primary source for housing accommodation.



2. Portal Registration and Reservation Fee Payment in Entrata:

- Ensure that the guarantor information provided is accurate.
 This includes the complete legal name, date of birth, active email address, and physical mailing address. Social Security is not needed.
- Ensure that you register using only your UMBC ID email address. For instance: Cl22922@umbc.edu.
- Returning residents must complete the portal registration rather than relying on their current account, as the housing license cycles differ. Please refrain from using the current account to make payments for the housing reservation fee.
- International applicants, graduates, and non-traditional students over the age of 24, etc have the option to opt-in for a self-guarantor by unchecking the "I have a guarantor" toggle.



3. Housing Application Status Update:

- The Walker Management Office will review every submission to verify portal registration and confirm payment of the reservation fee.
- After confirmation, the housing application status will change to "Approved." A notification will be sent to inform the qualified applicant to proceed to the next step.
- Given the large number of applications, we kindly ask for your patience as the office is in the process of manually updating the status of each application.
- A copy of your signed DocuSign license contract will be sent to your UMBC email for record-keeping purposes as part of this housing application.

2025–2026 Academic Year The status of your application is Walker Avenue Application Approved. You started your application for 2025–2026 Academic Year Continue



License Breakdown

- A housing license is legally binding.
- The term of the license is for the **entire academic year**, both Fall and Spring semesters.
- Annual License (12-month housing): The license start date will be from May 30, 2025, to May 21, 2026. This is the only license that includes housing during the summer time at Walker.
- Academic License (9-month housing): The license start date will be from August 25, 2025, to May 21, 2026.

The rate you pay for your chosen apartment will vary based on your term and type selection.



Form A Roomate Group

- This step is optional.
- You may create groups of 2 or 4. A group of 3 must receive approval from the Licensing Coordinator, as there are limited spaces available for this type of apartment.
- Roommate groups can only be formed with students who have completed the Walker Housing Selection Application and have paid the reservation fee.
- Groups that do not adhere to the size requirements or include students who haven't finalized their housing licenses will be deemed incomplete and may be separated.

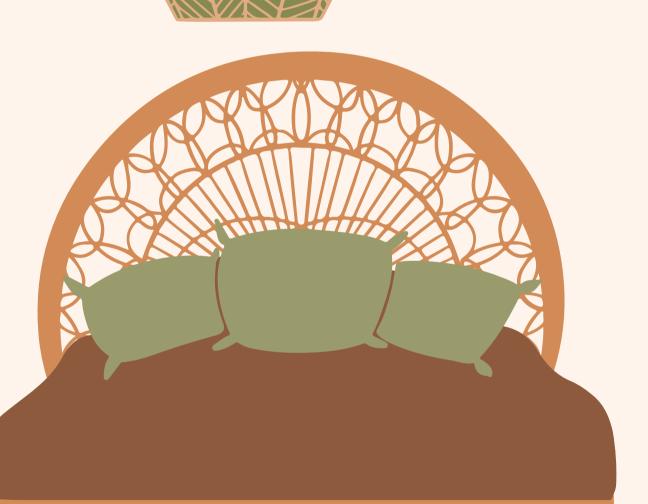
Group Formation does not accommodate incoming freshmen or transfer students as roommates due to the different housing selection timelines.



Room Selection

- Your group's selection time will be sent to your UMBC email at least two days prior to the beginning of the selection period.
- Selection times are determined by your group's average completed credits and the specific selection process you are part of. Group size and class year do not influence the assigned times.
- The group leader must log into the housing portal during the designated selection time to choose a room from the available options. Groups that do not select a room by the end of the Housing Selection period are still guaranteed housing at Walker and will be assigned by the Licensing Coordinator during the summer.





What Should I Do If I Missed the Housing Selection Process?

- Applications submitted after the cut-off deadline will be placed on the Walker waitlist for housing offers beginning April 14, 2025. Offers will be extended on a first-come, first-served basis according to the submission time of applications.
- Because offers are sent out early, students who receive them are guaranteed a single-bedroom space in a four-bedroom apartment, available under an academic license only.
- Requests for other accommodations, including roommate groups and apartment types, will be considered based on the availability of spaces at that time.

Assignments for these housing offers will be available on July 15, 2025.





Discover More in Our Information Session!

• March 5 at 7 PM - Roommate Social at the Apartment Community Center. This event will be in person.

• March 24 at noon - How to Select a Room Webinar (Virtual).









