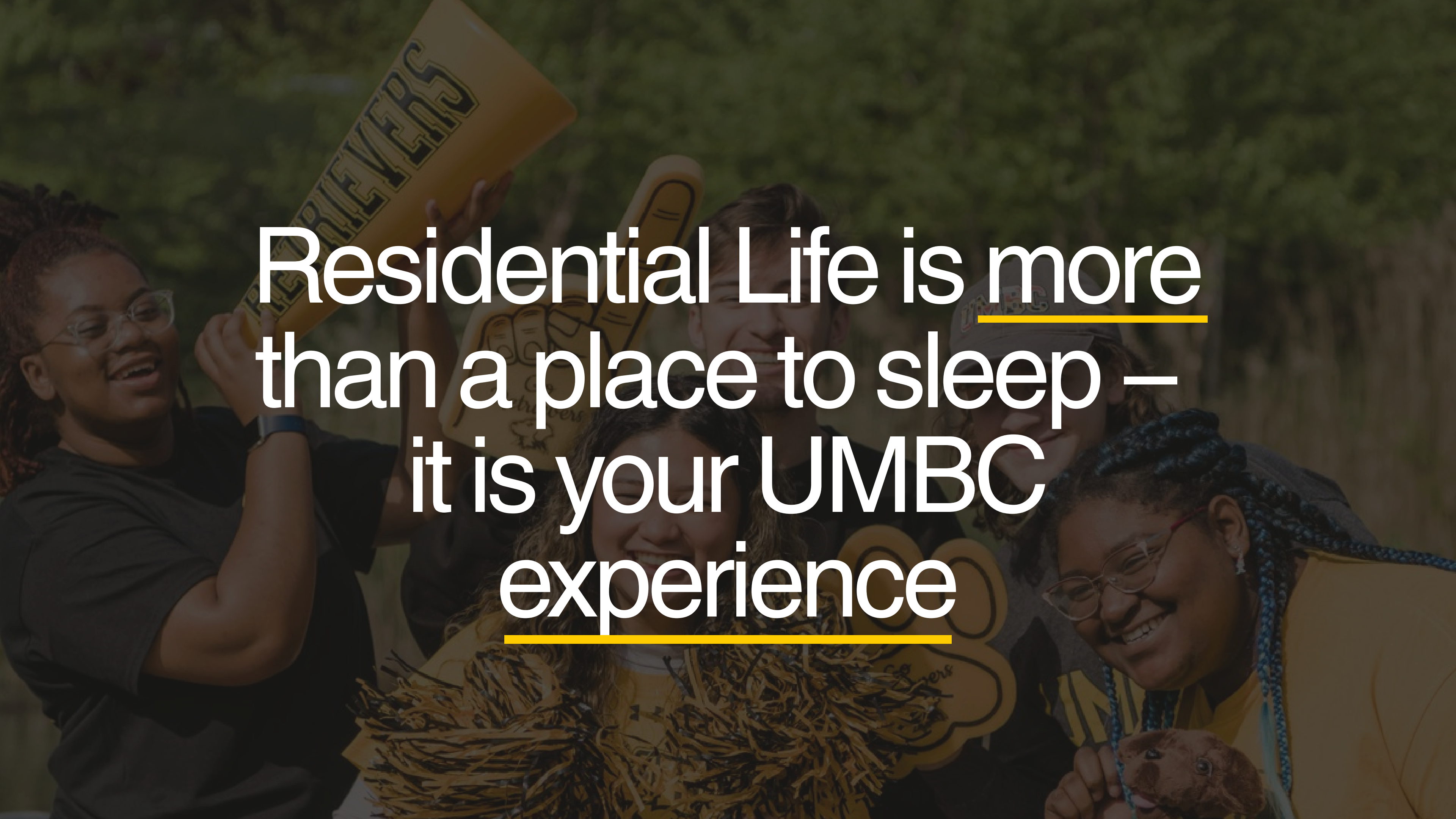


2026-2027 Academic Year

Residential Life at **UMBC**

Become a
Residential Retriever



A group of diverse students are smiling and holding up handmade signs and a pom-pom. One sign says "BELIEVERS", another says "UMBC", and a third says "Believers". The student in the foreground is holding a large, fluffy pom-pom. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees.

Residential Life is more
than a place to sleep –
it is your UMBC
experience

Residential Experience



Community

You become a member of our Residential Retriever Community with 4000 students.



Connection

You have the ability to form connections with roommates, peer leaders, Living-Learning Communities (LLC), staff, and faculty mentors.



Convenience

Living on-campus allows you easy access to academic programs, resources, campus events, and dining facilities.

Over 80% of UMBC residents would recommend living on campus to new students.

Skyfactor Survey

Who lives on-campus?

More than 60% of first-year students will choose to live on-campus.

Residency Requirement

UMBC does not require students to live on-campus; as a result students must apply for housing annually.

Scholars Programs

Some scholars programs do require their students to live on-campus.





Where do students live?

Residence Halls

2 Bedrooms | 1 Bathroom

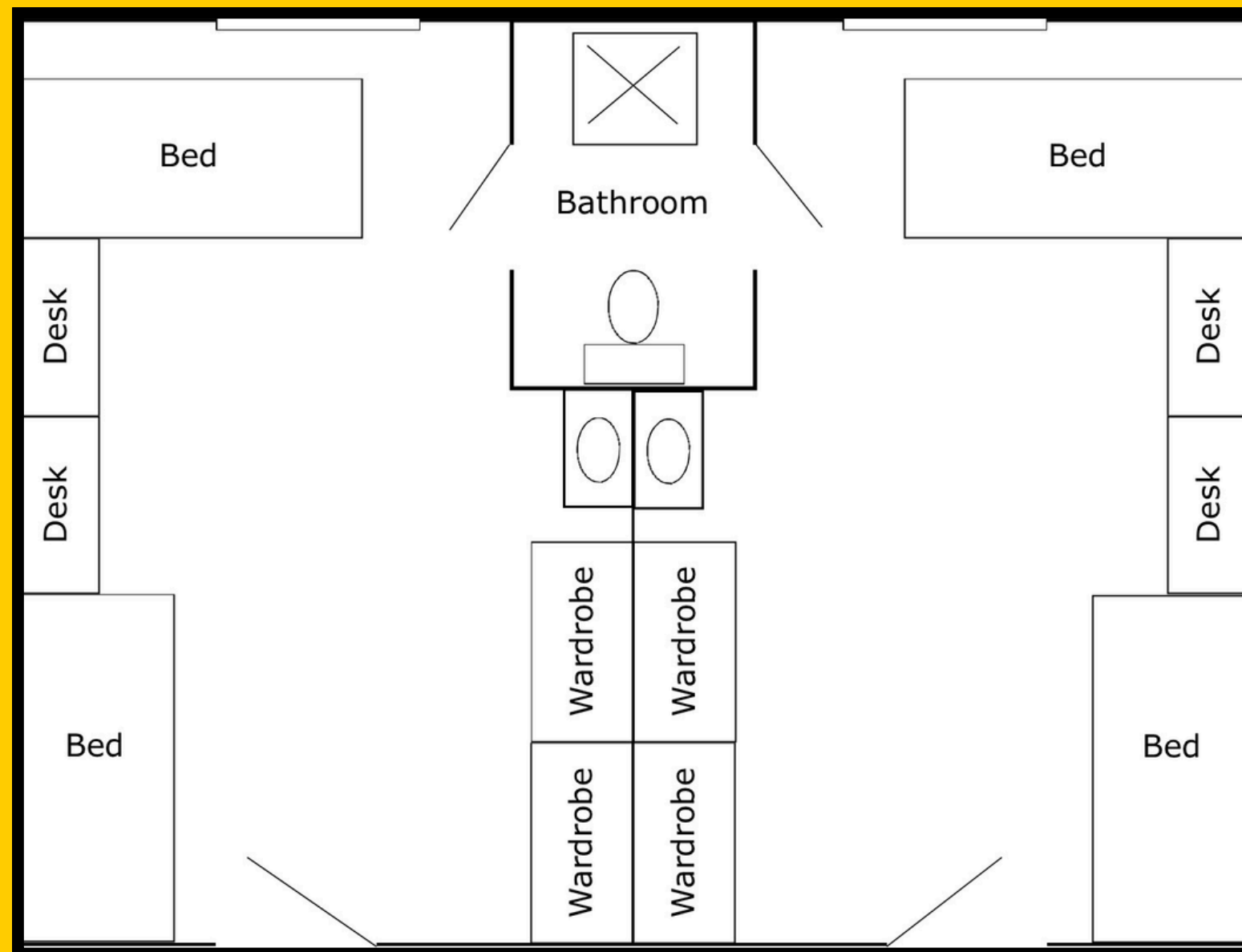
Suites

2-4 Bedrooms | 1 Bathroom | Living/Study Area

Apartments

4 Bedrooms | 1 Bathroom | Living Room & Kitchen

Residence Halls



360 Tours

Visit our [website](#) for 360 tours and measurements.

Campus Tours

Campus tours, including a Residence Hall visit, are coordinated by Admissions.

Suites

The only first-year students who live in suites are those accepted into a Living-Learning Community (LLC) in a suite-style building.



View our complete list
of provided and
recommended items

Furnished Rooms

Air-Conditioned & Temperature Controlled Rooms

Community Lounges, Kitchens & Study Spaces

**Community Desks -Resource Check-Out- Mail &
Packages**

Vending & Ice Machines

Free programs & Events

**Inclusive Laundry, Internet, and Xfinity Streaming
Services**

Amenities

Special *Programs*



Some UMBC programs have specific on-campus housing requirements or placement considerations that support students' academic, co-curricular, or community-based experiences.

**Living Learning
Communities**

Scholars Programs

Varsity Athletes

30% of new residents will
live in an LLC

Living Learning Communities

Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) exist as floors in our halls and suites, and connect students with **live together** in a community and **participate in academic and community programming** especially designed for them.

Communities

- Center for Women & Technology*
- Discovery Scholar
- Honors College*
- Humanities*
- Intercultural Living Exchange
- Shriver
- STEM
- Visual & Performing Arts*
- Women Involved in Learning and Leadership (WILL+)

**Indicates that these program prioritize/require applicants to be part of their affiliated Scholars Programs.*



Housing Options

These options are available in
all community styles

Co-Ed Communities

All communities & most floors are co-ed.

We offer limited same sex floors.

Accommodations

Medical & Religious placements.

Gender Inclusive Housing

Students may indicate a need or preference for their unit (suite/apartment) to be Gender Inclusive.

Quiet Lifestyle

These floors have extended quiet hours to support residents.

Continous (9-month) Housing

These communities remain open for residents during Thanksgiving, Winter & Spring Break.



Accommodation Process

Medical Accommodations

The first step in the accommodation process is to work with the office of Student Disability Services (SDS)

Students should indicate need on the housing application, but formal approval comes from SDS.

Religious Accommodations

Students who anticipate needing religious accommodations for housing should submit a request to the Dean of Students.

Similar to the medical accommodation process, students should indicate need on the housing application, but formal approval comes from the Dean of Students Office.

Ready to Apply?

Housing is guaranteed for the first 1500 new students who **finalize** their application.

Students complete the application in the **Housing Portal**:
umbc.edu/go/housing



Application Process



Interest Application & Questionnaire

The housing application questionnaire for the 2026-2027 academic year is open from **February 1- September 30**.

The Spring 2027 only application opens on October 1.



Contract & Housing Reservation Fee

Only applicants who complete the housing contract & pay the \$200 housing reservation fee are guaranteed on-campus housing.

The open contracting period is available from **February 1- May 1**, or when the first 1500 applications are finalized, whichever occurs sooner.



Roommate Formation

Students who finalize their applications can form roommate groups between **May 16- June 15**.

Roommate formation is not required, but highly encouraged for those choosing to participate in room selection.



Room Selection

Students who finalize their applications before June 20 will be assigned a time to select their room between **June 23-26**.

Students with a finalized application that miss room selection will be assigned by Residential Life.

Please Consider

Contractual Obligation

The housing contract is for both the fall & spring semesters.

Release from the contract after the start of the Fall term is not guaranteed.

Finances

In addition to the cost of housing, families should be mindful of required meal plan costs.

[View the proposed room & board rates](#)

Cancellation Fees

Students who contract and cancel will be assessed a \$500 or \$700 fee based on timing of the cancellation request and/or approval.

LLC Consideration Priority

Students must complete their application by May 1 for consideration by the LLC Coordinators. Decisions will be communicated in mid-May.

Accommodation Support

Students seeking physical or religious accommodations should work with the respective offices now.

Waitlists

Students who miss the open contracting period are not guaranteed housing. Waitlist offers are made over the summer as space becomes available.

Important Deadlines

May 1, 2026

Housing Contracting Period Closes at 11:59 p.m. or when we reach 1500 applicants, whichever occurs sooner.

Students who miss this deadline will apply to the housing waitlist

May 22, 2026

Living Learning Community decisions communicated to applicants.

May 16, 2026- June 15, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Roommate Search & Formation opens in the Housing Portal for students with guaranteed housing.

June 23-26, 2026

Room Selection for students with guranteed housing.

July 15, 2026

Room & Roommate Information available in the Housing Portal for students with guaranteed housing.

Stay connected over the summer



May 4, 2026 at 7 p.m. | [On Campus Housing Next Steps for New Students](#)

June 17, 2026 at 12 p.m. | [Room Selection Info Session](#)

July 29, 2026 at 12 p.m. | [Preparing for Move-In Day](#)

August 21, 2026 | New Student Move-In Day

**For a complete list of deadlines & dates visit
reslife.umbc.edu/apply/new-student/**

Questions?

APPLY AT [UMBC.EDU/GO/HOUSING](https://umbc.edu/go/housing)

reslife.umbc.edu/contact-us

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