Thank you for beginning your 2017-2018 Housing Application. This guide is intended to help you navigate through your housing options.

Start the Housing Application through goBAYLOR at: www.baylor.edu/gobaylor/. You can do this after you have been accepted to Baylor, paid your University Enrollment Deposit, and activated your BearID (typically FirstName_LastName). Please note that the system will need 24 hours to process these requirements before you may access the Housing Application.

You can also access the Housing Application to make changes anytime after you initially complete it through the My Housing tab at www.baylor.edu/CLL.
Housing Application Walkthrough

Application Page Indication Colors

1. White is an editable page.
2. Orange is the page you are currently on.
3. Blue is complete, but may be viewable.
4. Grey is not currently available.

Your BearID and password is required to login to your Housing Application. Please note that this is not the same as your goBaylor login. It may take 24 hours to activate your BearID if you have not done so already.

www.baylor.edu/CLL
Living@baylor.edu
254-710-3642

If you are having any issues with the application or understanding the process, please feel free to contact Campus Living & Learning.

Baylor Login Credentials Example
Bear ID: Bobby_Baylor
Email: Bobby_Baylor@baylor.edu
Getting to your Housing Application

Home
- Read the Home Page and check the information under your Profile Summary.
- After you move into your room in the fall, other pages will appear including Roommate Agreements, Room Inventory, and Work Orders.

Application
- Select Application in the top bar
- Select the term Academic Year 2017-2018 on the Term Selector page.
Start your Housing Application

Your Housing Application Completion Date is important!

- Students who complete their Housing Application prior to February 10, 2017 will be able to access Roommate Matching and Choose Your Own Room within the Housing Application.
- Students who complete the Housing Application after February 10, 2017 are still guaranteed housing and will receive their housing assignment beginning in June.

(Students will use Choose Your Own Room or be assigned to a room in the order in which they complete their Housing Application, not their Enrollment Deposit Date as it was in previous years.)

In the Housing Application you will be able to:

- Learn about the 12 available community options.
- Select your top 4 communities.
- Complete a Lifestyle Matching Profile.
- Use Roommate Matching within your approved community. (With an application completed prior to Feb. 10, 2017.)
- Choose Your Own Room within your approved community. (With an application completed prior to Feb 10, 2017.)
Information Pages

Personal Information

- Read, verify, and complete all contact information. You will need to verify that all entries are correct. If your personal information is incorrect, continue with your Housing Application and contact Undergraduate Admissions to make any changes.

- Enter your Emergency Contact and Missing Persons Contact information.

- Enter your T-shirt size for hall programming.

- Select whether you wish to receive SMS message updates from Campus Living & Learning.

Special Housing Considerations

- Read the Special Housing Considerations section carefully and answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’ in the drop down menu. If you are in need of any special housing accommodations, please select ‘yes’ and contact the Office of Access and Learning Accommodations (OALA) at www.baylor.edu/OALA.
Community Information

Review all of your housing options on this page.

- **First-Year Communities (FYC):** First Year Communities have a strong sense of community, whether there are fewer than 200 residents or up to 600 residents. These residence halls offer first-year students the opportunity to meet and live with other first-year students with diverse interests and backgrounds. Students are able to learn and grow with each other through their first year at Baylor as they find their place in the Baylor Line.

  You will only be able to choose FYC as one of your four preferences on the next page. This includes all residence halls listed under FYC. You will not select the specific hall (e.g. Collins, Penland, Kokernot, etc) until you Choose Your Own Room in May 2017.

- **Living-Learning Centers (LLC):** Living-Learning Centers are communities that are organized around specific academic programs. Students of all classifications (first-year through seniors, including transfer students) are able to live among other students with similar interests and degree plans. As part of the emphasis on community, residents share common cohort classes and have access to other academic services and programming provided in these communities.

- **Residential Colleges (RC):** Residential Colleges are faculty-led communities that foster academic excellence, intensive faculty-student interaction, and rich culture steeped in Baylor tradition. The three Residential Colleges at Baylor offer a special sense of community in different ways through community dinners, morning and evening prayer, and Master's Teas hosted by the Faculty Master of the community.

- Pay special attention to
  - Program Fees
  - Requirements
  - Winter Housing Options
  - Courses
  - Scholarships
Community Preference

- Use the drop down menu to select your top four housing preferences. You can choose FYC, any of the seven LLCs, or any of the three Residential Colleges.
- Remember that FYC encompasses all five FYC halls: Collins, Penland, Kokernot, etc. You will not choose a specific hall until you Choose Your Own Room in May.
- Select any combination of the available choices. Each preference must be a different community.
- Refer back to the previous page on Community Information for more details on these options.
- All four preferences are required.
- Roommate Matching and community approvals will be based on your first preference. If you do not receive an approval to your first preference, you will be notified by email to change your first preference.

FYC = First-Year Community
LLC = Living-Learning Centers
RC = Residential Colleges
SG = Specialty Group
Community Preference Questions

- Complete the short-answer questions in 2-3 sentences explaining why you selected that community.
- You are required to complete the short-answer questions for all four preferences.
- Your answers will be reviewed by Program Directors/Campus Living & Learning of each Community.

Top 4 Communities preferred on prior page.

In 2-3 sentences please explain why you selected your preference.
All students are encouraged to complete the lifestyle matching questions even if they already know their preferred roommate(s). The best roommates are often people who have similar lifestyle characteristics; for instance, how clean do you prefer your room or how much noise do you like when you are studying.

Complete the questions by either using the 5-point sliding scale or drop-down menu.

These questions will be used to establish compatible roommate matches starting December 1, 2016 when Roommate Matching opens.

A Roommate Matching Guide will be available to all students eligible for roommate matching when it begins in December (Application Completion Date prior to Feb. 10, 2017.).
Housing Contract and Guide to Community Living

- Read the Contract Terms and Conditions and agree using your BearID number.
- Please note that all first-year students are required to live on-campus their first two semesters (one academic year). Students who choose a Residential College agree to two consecutive academic years or four semesters on-campus.
- Read the Guide to Community Living and sign using your BearID number.
Submitting Your Application

- Review the information on the Submit Application page and then click “Submit Application.”
- Upon submitting your application, a Housing Application Completion Date is created, this is the date and time that will be used to set your priority for Choose Your Own Room.
- To verify that you have submitted your application, you can return to the Housing Application at any time where it will show Application Complete with the date and time.
- Returning to the Application and making changes will not affect your Housing Application Completion Date.

Once the Application is submitted, your Application Completion Date will show on the Application Status and Term Selector page.
Application Status

- The Application Status page will list the communities you have been approved to live in. These are the halls you will be eligible for during Choose Your Own Room.

- Approvals will be distributed weekly beginning December 1, 2016. If you are not approved for your first preference community, you will be notified by email to change your first preference.

- This page also gives information regarding the timeline for important dates regarding your housing application, including Roommate Matching and Choose Your Own Room.
Roommate Matching
December 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017

All incoming first-year students can take advantage of Roommate Matching if your housing application is completed prior to February 10, 2017.

• Matching is based on the Lifestyle Questions you answered in the Housing Application.
• You will only match with students who are approved to the same first preference community as you.
• After Roommate Matching opens on December 1, 2016, you will see a list of students with varying roommate compatibility.
• If you and another student already know you want to be roommates, search for each other. Both students will need to have completed their housing application prior to February 10, 2017 and be approved for the same first preference community. Make sure your Community Preferences match, in case your first preference does not have an available space.
• Roommate Matching is optional. If you prefer not to request a roommate or if your housing application is completed after February 10, 2017, you will be randomly assigned a roommate based on your housing preferences.
• If you are eligible for Choose Your Own Room and you do not have a roommate, you can view the profile of the student currently assigned to a room you are interested in to find out if you are compatible as roommates.

Student A
• Browses for Roommates
• Views Student B's profile
• Sends Student B an email (through the application)

Student B
• Reads Student A's email
• Replies to the email (through the application)

Student A
• Requests Student B as his roommate

Student B
• Receives an automated email from Student A request to be his roommate
• Accepts or Rejects Student A's roommate request

If accepted Student A and B are now mutually confirmed as roommates.
Choose Your Own Room
May 15-19, 2017

All incoming first-year students will get to Choose Your Own Room if your Housing Application is completed prior to February 10, 2017.

- Choose Your Own Room allows eligible students to view open rooms and select which building/floor/room/bed combination matches their interests.
- All students who completed their Housing Application prior to February 10, 2017 will be given a date and time or timeslot to Choose Your Own Room online. These timeslots are assigned based on the Housing Application completion date.
- When your timeslot opens, you will only see available spaces in the communities in which you are approved to live.
- Timeslots (access time for Choose Your Own Room) will be issued in early May to students who completed their housing application prior to February 10th.
- If you participated in Roommate Matching, it is advised that the roommate with the earliest assigned timeslot pick the room to have the best selection. Be sure that all roommates have the same preferences before May 1st. If you roommate is not approved for the community in which you want to live, he or she will not be able select a room in that community.
- If you applied on or after February 10, 2017, you will be assigned a room by Campus Living & Learning based on your community preferences, lifestyle questionnaire, room types and available space