

Housing Lottery 2016-2017

Quick Facts about the Housing Lottery:

There are several changes to the lottery process from past years. Read this document carefully to be sure that you understand the changes, and are aware of how those changes might affect your housing selection times and choices.

- 1 Students must bring their **Student ID Card** to the lottery. Any student without an ID card should visit Campus Safety to obtain one before the day of the lottery. The lottery process will be held in GUND COMMONS BALLROOM.
- 2 The Housing Lottery will be held during the last week of March and the first week of April 2016. A proxy will be able to choose for students who cannot be in attendance. A proxy form will need to be on file at the office of Housing and Residential Life prior to the selection of housing, or following the stipulations in the FAQ section.
- 3 **SENIORS* planning to select singles or live with other SENIORS ONLY** will select rooms/apartments on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 beginning at 7:00 pm. NO juniors or sophomores will be housed during this selection process.
- 4 **SENIORS choosing to live with juniors and/or sophomores and all JUNIOR singles/groups** will select assignments on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 7:00 pm (senior mix groups) and 8:00 pm (all junior singles/groups). No Sophomores will be housed during this selection process (unless they are being pulled in by a Senior).
- 5 **JUNIORS choosing to live with sophomores and all SOPHOMORES** who have not previously selected housing will select on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 beginning at 7:00 pm (junior mix groups) and 8:00 pm (remaining sophomores).

*please note that rising seniors are referred to as 'seniors,' rising juniors are referred to as 'juniors,' and rising sophomores are referred to as 'sophomores'

The Housing Lottery is **being held in Gund Commons Ballroom.**

Selection dates and times:

Tuesday, March 29 - Seniors ONLY and apartment/reshall roommates who are also Seniors

7:00 pm - numbers 1- 200

8:00 pm – numbers 201 – end of Senior numbers

No Juniors or Sophomores will be housed during this selection process.

Thursday, March 31 – Seniors choosing to live with Juniors and/or Sophomores and all Junior singles/groups

7:00 pm –Senior mixed groups*

8:00 pm – All Junior singles and groups

No Sophomores will be housed during this selection process (unless they are being pulled in by a Senior).

Tuesday, April 5 – Junior/Sophomore groups and remaining Sophomores

7:00 pm – Junior/Sophomore groups

8:00 pm – remaining Sophomores

- 6 Housing Lottery numbers indicating a student's place in the order of room selection will be sent to all eligible students' Kenyon e-mail account by the end of the day on **Wednesday, March 23, 2016.**
- 7 This document explains the process and answers Frequently Asked Questions. If, after reading this document, there are still questions, contact the office at reslife@kenyon.edu, or 740-427-5142.

Housing Lottery Process:

The Housing Lottery is the process whereby current students select rooms in which they will reside for the next academic year. Students select their own roommates, suite-mates, or apartment-mates, and they choose their room from the list of available rooms. Priority for rooms is based on a seniority system of class year standing as determined by the Registrar's Office. The order of students' priority within each class will be decided by a computerized random Housing Lottery number generation process coordinated with LBIS. **Random Housing Lottery numbers will be e-mailed to Kenyon e-mail accounts on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.**

Individuals and groups are expected to make timely and expedient room selections at the Housing Lottery. If an individual or group fails to choose in a timely manner, the next Housing Lottery number will be called.

All students (or their proxies) must be present during the selection process when a room or apartment is selected. Phone calls during the Housing Lottery, text messages, and someone "on their way" may not be allowed due to time constraints. Please plan to meet your roommates ahead of time to make sure everyone is accounted for and ready to select housing.

Class Year Status:

Each student will receive a personalized e-mail notification of their class status. If you disagree with your class status, **appeals for changes in class status can be made to the Registrar's Office by March 11, 2016.** Class status will not be changed after the random Housing Lottery numbers have been distributed.

Housing Options:

A tentative list of available rooms for 2016-2017 will be posted in mid-March. Once posted, students will be notified via a student-info e-mail. This list will be updated during each selection night, in real time, as rooms are chosen.

Suites and Farr Hall: Caples 2-person suites (2 singles sharing a common space) can be selected as 2 individual units or another eligible student may be pulled into the other space. If a single in a 2-person suite is selected individually, any student, regardless of gender can sign into the other open single in that suite. If you are not comfortable with a random student sharing the suite, who may or may not be of the same gender, it is highly recommended that you find a friend to fill the open space or choose a stand-alone single instead. However, the 3-person and 6-person suites must be filled completely at the time of selection. Farr Hall singles (share a private bathroom) can be chosen individually or another eligible student may be pulled into the adjoining room at the time of the initial room selection. Similar to Caples 2-person suites, if a Farr room is selected individually, any student, regardless of gender can sign into the other adjoining open single. Caples and Farr Hall rooms will not be gender specific. Please note that in order to pull someone into a Caples or Farr 2-person suite, the priority for these (and all) rooms is based on a seniority system as outlined at the beginning of this document. Groups of all seniors will choose spaces before mixed groups and groups of all juniors and all sophomores.

Double and Triples in Residence Halls: All doubles and triples must be filled completely at the time of the initial selection except in cases where predesignated Option Rooms are available (see FAQ section below: "I don't have a roommate. What do I do?"). Please note that priority for all rooms is based on a seniority system as outlined at the beginning of this document. Groups of all seniors will choose spaces before mixed groups and groups of all juniors and all sophomores.

Gender Neutral Living Arrangements: Some buildings or corridors are specifically designated as male or female such as those in Bushnell, Manning, and Watson. In other residence halls, and in suites and apartments, gender neutral assignments are permitted; this means students regardless of gender identity may live together in those locations (in double or triple rooms). All apartments and suites are gender neutral. Within residence halls, there are male and female bathrooms available. In addition, upper-class gender-neutral bathrooms will be in the following locations:

Caples Hall in the area of suite C (rooms 407-410)
Caples Hall in the area of rooms 503-504
Hanna Hall between rooms 209 and 211

Leonard Hall across from room 221
Mather Hall in the area of room 320-322
Old Kenyon Hall in the area of rooms 103-104

Break Housing Buildings: If you know you will need to be on campus during fall, winter and/or spring breaks, the following buildings will be **OPEN during breaks and WILL be a good selection for you:** Farr, Manning, Mather, Old Kenyon, and Gund (FY students). In addition, all apartments and program houses will remain open during scheduled breaks. All other buildings **WILL be closed during breaks.**

Animal Free Buildings: **Farr, Manning, Mather and Gund (First Year Only) will be designated animal free** (except for fish as outlined in the Student Handbook). Students who have been granted permission to have an ESA (emotional support animal), or plan to apply for an ESA, **WILL NOT** be able to live in these buildings. If you do not want to live near an animal for any reason, these buildings would be a good selection for you.

Housing Accommodation: You may apply for housing accommodation, including requests for an ESA, for medical and psychological reasons. Please [follow this link](#) to the application and information regarding Housing Accommodation requests. Housing accommodation applications are due to the Office of Housing and Residential Life by noon on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Should a need for housing accommodation occur after the deadline stated above, students should complete the form as soon as possible. While Kenyon College will make every reasonable effort to address all requested accommodations, there is no guarantee that requests received after the stated application due dates can be accommodated.

Housing considerations for religious, cultural, ethnic and other reasons should be addressed to Lisa Train, Associate Director of Housing and Residential Life at trainl@kenyon.edu.

Students Ineligible for the Housing Lottery:

Students taking part in Off-Campus Study for the fall semester 2016 or the entire 2016-2017 academic year are ineligible for the 2016-2017 Housing Lottery and will not have a Housing Lottery number assigned.

Other students who are ineligible for the Housing Lottery process are those who were selected as Community Advisors and their roommates, were selected as Programmatic House managers and their roommates, students who were assigned during the housing accommodation process, and students assigned to Theme and Division housing locations. These students will not have random Housing Lottery numbers assigned.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What happens if I cannot make it to the Housing Lottery?**

Students who are unable to attend the Housing Lottery may send a proxy to select a room for them. Proxies must have written authorization from the student(s) for whom they are choosing rooms. Proxy forms are available in the Office of Housing and Residential Life or [online at this link](#). Alternatively, the student who will not be at the Housing Lottery may send an e-mail from his/her Kenyon e-mail account to the student who will act as proxy, and the proxy can bring that printed e-mail to the Housing Lottery process to be given the proxy rights. The Office of Housing and Residential Life does not accept responsibility for room selection by a proxy or a “no show” by the proxy.

Students who are acting as proxies for Off-Campus Study students have been notified and are required to act on those students' behalf. The proxy must be present at the Housing Lottery at the appropriate time and will need to make a room selection for the student. The proxy must bring the form letter from the Office of Housing and Residential Life or another written (printed) authorization from the student to act on his/her behalf. It becomes very difficult for one student to act as a proxy for many friends. A good plan is to not be a proxy for more than four individuals, or 1 group (of up to 6 students) who wish to live together. A student who is asking another student to serve as a proxy should provide specific information to the proxy: Name, student ID number, Lottery draw number, and several room and roommate options.

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Option Rooms: There will be a limited number of rooms designated for students who wish to choose a room without a roommate. A student without a selected roommate may choose one of these spaces when their Housing Lottery number is called, with the understanding that the next student to choose who has the same gender identity and preferences the same residence hall, will be placed in that room and the two **will** be roommates. At the end of the Housing Lottery process, any student without a roommate **will** be assigned a roommate during the summer-housed process.

- **What financial information should I consider?**

Students receiving need-based financial aid should be aware their aid will only be applied to a traditional residence hall double room charge*. If students choose to live in a more expensive room, they will be responsible for the difference between that room rate and the traditional residence hall double room rate. The 2016-2017 room rates are not yet available. Once these rates are confirmed, the information will be posted on the Kenyon website. Please see last year's room rates below for an example of the different room rates. Room rate adjustment for SENIORS who are on need-based financial aid (not merit aid), who secure accommodations in an apartment will receive a credit to their room charge to make up the difference between the cost of a residence hall double (a regular part of the financial aid package) and the higher cost of an apartment double. This credit amount (residence hall double to apt. double) will be the same regardless of whether a Senior chooses to live in an apartment single or double; the credit will be only the difference of a residence hall double and an apartment double. Please note that all room in Farr Hall will be charged at apartment rates as listed below.

| <u>ROOM RATES FOR 2015-2016**</u> | |
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| Residence Halls (Bushnell, Caples, Gund, Hanna, Leonard, Lewis, Manning, Mather, McBride, Norton, Old Kenyon, and Watson): | |
| ▪ Single per semester per student | \$3,625 |
| ▪ Double per semester per student | *\$2,620 |
| ▪ Triple per semester per student | \$1,900 |
| Apartments (Acland, <u>Farr Hall</u>, Morgan Apartments, New Apartments, North Campus Apartments, Taft Cottages, Wilson, and Programmatic Houses): | |
| ▪ Single per semester per student | \$4,125 |
| ▪ Double per semester per student | \$3,060 |
| ▪ Triple per semester per student | \$2,400 |

- **What happens if my roommate withdraws from Kenyon?**

Some students decide to transfer, withdraw, take a year off, etc., and not return to Kenyon. If a student's roommate is one of these students, the Office of Housing and Residential Life will reassign the vacancy over the summer or during the academic year as needed. It is strongly recommended that students select a room/suite/apartment-mate who will be returning in the fall of 2016. If a roommate is participating in Off-Campus Study spring semester, students should not assume they will be without a roommate during spring semester. The Office of Housing and Residential Life reserves the right to assign another student to that open space. The Office of Housing and Residential Life attempts to contact students over the summer to make them aware of new roommates and reassignments, but we are not obligated to do so.

- **What if I have more questions?**

Feel free to e-mail questions to reslife@kenyon.edu or stop in the Office of Housing and Residential Life (Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to ask any questions. [Please link here to the Housing and Residential Life website](#). In addition, Housing & Residential Life staff will be available in Peirce Atrium on Wednesday, March 2 from noon-1 pm and Thursday, March 3 from 5:30-6:30 pm to answer any Housing Lottery questions you may have.