



Transfer Info Series: Session

How to Apply for Housing:
On or Off Campus

It's transfer time, but we need housing! How to get started!

Step 1: Visit your institution's website and note their housing application deadlines!

Step 2: Browse housing options offered by your institution.

Step 3: Make note of:

- ☐ The “types of housing” available.
 - ❖ *Major Specific Halls/ Dorms*
 - ❖ *Residence Halls/ Dorms*
 - ❖ *Apartments*
- ☐ The fees, rates & payment options.
 - ❖ *Application Fee & Deposit*
 - ❖ *Bundle with Tuition & Fees*
- ☐ The length of the term/ lease.

Step 4: Other Wants/ Needs

- ☐ Amenities (Ex: Laundry, Utilities, Entertainment, Gyms etc.)
- ☐ Distance from Campus
 - ❖ *Shuttles, Vehicles & Walking*
- ☐ Accessibility Options
- ☐ Pets & Service/ Assistance Animals

Now, Let's Look at off Campus Options

Now that we have explored the available housing offered by our institution, let's summarize our options.

- ❖ We can select a housing option on the actual institution campus.
- ❖ We can select a housing option offered by the institution that is off campus.
- ❖ Or, we find alternative housing on our own which can be:
 - With family or friends living in the area
 - Single Occupant Apartment/ Rental Home
 - Multi-Occupant Apartment/ Rental Home



To get started in your search, ask yourself these questions:

1. Who could I possibly live with while attending this institution? Family? Friends/ School Mates?

- ❖ Answers: Move in with someone or look for alternatives for yourself (or with roommates).

2. If Friends/ School Mates are an option, how many friends may you possible live with?

- ❖ Answers: Move in with someone or look for alternatives (number of rooms needed).

3. Is there a maximum that you can spend monthly on housing & utilities? Think how bills may be split depending on the number of people living with you.

- ❖ Answers: Budget

4. Will you have transportation to get to and from campus? The grocery store? Consider distance.

- ❖ Answers: Acceptable Distance

Begin the Search!

**When it comes to searching for alternative rental opportunities, there is no right way!
Just be as thorough as you can and shop before you “buy”!**

Here are some resources and recommendations to get started.

- ❖ Contact your institution’s Housing Department to see if they have resources & information on available housing opportunities in the area.
- ❖ Ask family & friends living in the area for recommendations.
- ❖ Search the local paper for rental listings and “roommate needed” advertisements (always approach these with caution!).
- ❖ Search Online:
 - [Apartments.com](https://www.apartments.com)
 - [Rent.com](https://www.rent.com)
 - [ForRent.com](https://www.forrent.com)
 - Other websites

As you search, make note of the same things you did when researching on-campus availabilities and then compare ALL your options. It’s then up to you to determine which option gives you the most “bang for your buck”, meaning it has all the features you need and want at an affordable price.

2023 Upcoming Events

- ✓ **University of Houston – Victoria on Campus**
 - March 30; April 13 & 27; May 11
 - Betsy Wright Building Rm 103 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ✓ **University of Houston – Victoria at Gonzales Center**
 - March 30, April 17, May 3 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- ✓ **Gonzales Transfer Application Workshops**
 - March 30 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- ✓ **Transfer Fair**
 - April 4 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the VC Student Center
- ✓ **Field Trip to University of Texas at San Antonio**
 - April 15 from 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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- ✓ **Session 6: Application, Essay, Resume & FAFSA Workshop**
 - Tuesday, April 4 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Health Sciences Center Room 220
- ✓ **Session 7: How to Avoid Transfer Shock: Guide to Academics, Supports & Campus Life**
 - Tuesday, April 18th from Noon to 1 p.m. in Library 1st Floor Computer Lab & Webex



Resources & Contacts



Transfer Services – Stay up to date on all things transfer.

<https://www.victoriacollege.edu/Explore/GettingStarted/Advising/TransferServices>

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