



Office of Residence Life

Nichols College

RETURNING STUDENT HOUSING SELECTION 2026-2027

DATES(S):	SELECTION TASK(S):
February 9 th	Housing Application and Roommate Matching Opens ADA Accommodation Request Form is Available
Feb. 24 th & Feb. 26th	Housing Selection Info Sessions at 4:00 PM in Fels 323
Mar. 2 nd & Mar. 4th	Housing Selection Info Sessions at 4:00 PM in Fels 323
March 20 th	Priority ADA Accommodation Applications Deadline at 4:00 PM
March 23 rd – March 27 th	ADA Processing and Placements
March 30 th	Priority Housing Applications & Roommate Pairing Deadline at 11:59 PM
March 30 th – April 1 st	Fall 2026 Class Registration
April 3 rd	Priority Numbers & Times Released to Pairs/Groups (via email) by 12:00PM
April 6 th – April 10 th	Priority Housing Selection Week
April 13 th	Room Placements for Unmatched Students/Non-Priority Selection
April 15 th	Housing Confirmation Notification (via email)
June 1 st	Students must clear of SFS holds and be registered for Fall 2026 classes with a minimum of 12 credits or they will be removed from their housing assignment, with no guarantee that their original chosen assignment will be available once they are registered for Fall 2026 classes.

HALL ELIGIBILITY AND AVERAGE DEMOGRAPHICS

Residence Hall	Eligibility	Who Mostly Lives Here?
Shamie Hall	Freshman Only	Freshman Only
Remillard Hall	Sophomore +	Mostly Sophomore, but mixed.
Olsen Hall	Sophomore +	Mostly Sophomore, but mixed.
Kuppenheimer Hall	Sophomore +	Mostly Juniors and Seniors
Copper Beeches	Sophomore +	Mostly Juniors and Seniors
North Hall	Female Only, Sophomore +	Mixed Upperclassmen
Center Hall	Male Only, Sophomore +	Mixed Upperclassmen
Budleigh Hall	Sophomore +	Mixed Upperclassmen
Winston Hall	Graduates Only	Graduates Only

To participate in the housing selection process, you must have a confirmed roommate match.

- **If you have a matched roommate:** You can participate in the room/suite selection process during your designated time.
- **If you do not have a matched roommate:** You will not be able to choose a room during selection. Instead, Residence Life will assign you to an open double room by **Monday, April 13th**.

Finding a Roommate After Priority Housing Applications are Due:

- If you find a roommate **after March 30th**, contact Residence Life to match you together. Once matched, you will have the opportunity to select a space during priority selection with a group number at the bottom of your class list.

Make a Back-Up Plan:

- While you'll be able to list your residence hall preference in your housing application, that does not guarantee that you will be able to select a room in that area. It's possible that a residence hall fills before you're able to select a room there. If this is the case, you will still be able to select from other available rooms, and the Office of Residence Life will gladly add you to the waitlist for the area you prefer.

Coordinate With Your Roommate(s):

- Before selecting your room, it's best to communicate with your future roommate(s) to make sure you are both in agreement on where you'd like to live next year. You may have different needs from your residence hall be it in amenities, room types, or rates. Have the conversation early to make sure you are both in agreement on where you'd like to live.

PRIORITY POINT SYSTEM:

Residence Life assigns each student an **Individual Priority Number** as part of the Returning Student Housing Selection Process. Priority Numbers are generated through the Housing Software Program based on four established factors and are posted in the Housing Portal.

Priority Numbers are based on **Priority Points** earned by each student. Numbers typically range from **1 to 600**, with lower numbers receiving earlier housing selection times. Students selecting housing with roommates will have their Priority Points averaged to create a **Group Priority Number**, which determines the order in which roommate groups choose their housing.

Age	<i>As of the start of the Spring semester that selection occurs in (Fall 2026 selection occurs in Spring 2026)</i>
18 Years Old and Under	10 points
19 Years Old	20 points
20 Years Old	30 points
21 Years Old	40 points
22 Years Old and Older	50 points
Class Status	<i>As of the start of the Spring semester that selection occurs in (Fall 2026 selection occurs in Spring 2026)</i>
Current Freshman	10 points
Current Sophomore	20 points
Current Junior	30 points
Current Senior	40 points
Current Graduate	50 points
Credits	<i>As of the start of the Spring semester that selection occurs in (Fall 2026 selection so credits as of completion of Fall 2025 are used)</i>
Students earn 1 point per credit earned by the start of the spring term when the housing selection process is being held. There is a cap of 90 points in order to create a fair and equitable process for all students. Students newly enrolled in the spring term, who do not carry credits will receive points for the credits they are registered for during the spring term.	0 – 90 points
GPA	<i>As of the start of the Spring semester that selection occurs in (Fall 2026 selection so Fall 2025 GPA is used)</i>
Take your cumulative GPA, and cube it, and this will be the points earned. For example, if you have a GPA of 3.5, multiply it by itself three times ($3.5 \times 3.5 \times 3.5 = 42.87$), and you will have earned 42.87 points.	0 – 64 points

ROOM SELECTION FAQS:

Who needs to fill out a housing application?

- Any returning student who currently attends Nichols and plans to live on campus for 2026-2027. This includes RAs, RA roommates, and students seeking ADA medical accommodation.
- No Application = No Priority Housing Selection to hopefully get the room/suite/apt.

How do I access The Online Housing Portal to complete my application and roommate matching?

- Students can go to hub.nichols.edu, click on Residence Life, and click on the Box labeled “Click here for Housing Portal”

When do I need to complete my application and roommate matching?

- Housing applications and roommate matching must be completed via the MyHousing Portal by March 30th at 11:59pm. **THIS IS A PRIORITY DEADLINE**; exceptions cannot be made for those outside of this to pick housing during priority selection week. Those who apply late are subject to placement by ResLife.

When do we pick our rooms?

- Room Selection is held between April 6th – 10th via the MyHousing Portal on your specific day at your specific time.
- Students will be emailed with the exact day/time they must attend with their group to select their room on the MyHousing Portal.
- Only students who have completed applications by March 30th are able to participate in priority room selection the week of April 6th.

I have filled out my Housing Application, but my roommate is not appearing in the Roommate Search?

- To choose a roommate, all roommates MUST have filled out their housing application. If they are not appearing, that means they have not filled out the application.

How do I know if I am matched with my roommate(s)?

Not Matched:

Roommate Requests (1)

Name
Bacon, Jessica

Unmatched Roommates:
Jessica Bacon has not requested Susie Sunflower

Fully Matched:

Roommate Requests (1)

Name
Bacon, Jessica

Your roommate group is fully matched.

What if I am not able to find a roommate?

- Students who are looking for a roommate or have an open space in their group are encouraged to use the **Roommate Connection Board**.
 - This board allows students to post a brief card indicating whether they are:
 - An individual looking to join a group, or
 - A group with an open space looking for an additional roommate
 - Participation is optional and intended as a resource to help students make connections ahead of the housing selection deadline. Residence Life does not assign or match roommates through this board.
 - The Roommate Connection Board is in Student Life – Fels 301 and will be available from February 9th to April 3rd.

What happens if I miss the application deadline?

- If you do not submit your application by 11:59pm on March 30th, you will not be guaranteed the opportunity to select housing during selection week. You will be placed on the “second round housing” list, and Residence Life will assign you after Room Selection is completed (typically around May).

What if I completed my application, but I missed the deadline to match with my roommates?

- You will only be grouped with the roommates you have fully matched with. If you have not matched with ANY roommates, you will be assigned an individual group lottery number (*aka, you’re a “Group of 1 person”*). “Groups of 1” will be able to choose their building during room selection, but your roommate will be automatically assigned by ResLife.

What if someone in my group forgets to complete their housing application or roommate matching before the deadline?

- Only fully matched pairs/groups will be assigned a group priority number together and room selection time. **Everyone must complete their housing application and roommate matching by the deadline.** If someone does not, it affects the entire group.

If a student applies but does not match with a roommate:

- They will **not** receive a group lottery number or room selection time.
- They will be placed by Residence Life **after all groups have selected a room**, on **April 10**.
- Students are strongly encouraged to match with at least one roommate.

If a student does not apply at all:

- They cannot participate in housing selection.
- They will be assigned housing during **second-round housing** by Residence Life.

Can we combine two groups after the matching deadline of March 30th but before room selection day?

- Groups that combine later must select housing during the time of the group with the **higher (later) group priority number**. A group with an earlier time cannot “jump ahead” to join a later group.

Example:

- Group 1 - Four students are matched and pick on Monday.
- Group 2 - Two students are matched and pick on Tuesday.

- To live together in a six-person space, the group of five must **skip their Monday time** and wait until Tuesday.

Can I choose a 6-person room with only 5 people?

- No, you MUST fill the suite/apt/room to choose it. Example, three people cannot choose a quad, or 6-person suite, etc.

What if all rooms that would fit my group size are taken before our time?

- Students will need to break up into different group sizes to match other room types.
 - If you are a group of 6 and all 6-person apartments/suites are taken, you will want to break up into a 4-person, 3-person, or pair to try for other spaces.

Are there any buildings that do NOT have air-conditioning?

- Yes, Budleigh and Kuppenheimer do **NOT** have air-conditioning.

Are there any cancellation fees associated with canceling housing at any point?

- Yes, since it is a yearlong contract. Please review them below based on when housing is cancelled
 - A. Cancellation Before Housing Assignment Received (Application Submission to Housing Selection Week)**
 - a. If a student withdraws their housing agreement after signing but before receiving a housing assignment, the student will be charged a \$100 cancellation fee.
 - B. Cancellation Before Housing Assignment Received (Assignment Provided to April 29, 2026)**
 - a. If a student withdraws their housing agreement after receiving a housing assignment, but before the Spring semester ends, the student will be charged a \$250 cancellation fee.
 - C. Cancellation Before Add/Drop Deadline (April 30, 2026, to August 28, 2026)**
 - a. If the student cancels their housing agreement after the end of the Spring semester of which Housing Selection occurred in, but before the end of add/drop week in Fall 2026, the student will be charged a \$500 cancellation fee.
 - D. Cancellation After Add/Drop Deadline (August 29, 2026, and after)**
 - a. If the student cancels their housing agreement after the add/drop week in Fall 2026, the student will be charged a \$1,000 cancellation fee.

** Students who cancel housing after the add/drop period are no longer eligible for a full refund of room and board. The Student Financial Services refund and proration policy will apply.*

Can the entire Class of 2027 fit into the Copper Beeches?

- No, unfortunately the Copper Beeches do not have space to house the entire senior class, please make sure to have a backup plan!

If I was referred for conduct, would I automatically get penalty points removed from my priority number?

- If you were assigned penalty points, you would have been sanctioned in your conduct meeting. Refer to your outcome letter or email community.standards@nichols.edu.

Do you have to be 21yrs old to live in the Copper Beeches?

- No, you can be any age, but class year can dictate priority.

Can you only live in the Copper Beeches one year?

- No, there is no limit to living in CBs if you are eligible for housing.

Does your GPA affect your priority number?

- Yes, GPA is a factor in the priority number you receive, as well as is age, class status, and cumulative credits hours as of the end of the Fall semester.

How do I get a single room?

- We only offer single rooms that are not in a Copper Beech apartment to medical accommodation approved through our accommodations committee in Student Life. We prioritize medical accommodations in the order in which it is received. Priority Accommodation Applications are due by March 20th at 4:00pm.

Do I pick housing for Fall 2026 if I am studying abroad in the Fall and not returning until Spring 2027?

- No, you should not pick Fall 2026 housing if you are not going to live on campus in the spring. If students select housing, knowing they are studying abroad to secure a suite/apartment for their group, the selection will be null and void. ResLife has the right to remove all students from the space and pick a new room based on selection priority.

Is Remillard a sophomore building?

- Remillard is primarily a sophomore building. It will all depend on what spaces the upperclassmen choose.

Do we offer Co-ed or Gender Inclusive rooms/suites options?

- Yes, any student regardless of gender identity, may choose to reside together.
- Students may live together in any multiple occupancy bedroom in Copper Beech Apartments, Remillard, Olsen, Budleigh or Kuppenheimer Hall.
- North Hall is an all-female residence hall. Center Hall is an all-male residence hall.
- Spaces are available on a first come, first serve basis depending on what spaces are still available during your assigned room selection time frame.

What is a Group Priority number?

- The individual Priority Number that is allocated to you is averaged with your roommate group to make your Group Priority Number. The **Group Priority Number** is the order that roommate groups choose their room. For example, if Group A's Group Priority Number was 140 and Group B's Group Priority Number was 200...Group A would choose their room first.

When do we receive our Group Priority Number?

- Students will receive their Group Priority Numbers by April 3rd
- Group Priority Numbers will be emailed to your Nichols College email account

What if I was approved for a medical single through the ADA accommodations process?

- You will be placed based on your preference and Residence Life's room availability for single rooms prior to April 10th.

What do we do if we need support day of during our selection time?

- Come up to the 3rd floor of Fels Student Center to the Student Life Suite. Residence Life will be present to assist in any issues or roommate group changes that need to be made.

Students who are found to be dishonest at any stage of the housing selection/room lottery process may face consequences, including the loss of their priority lottery number, group time slot, or housing assignment. The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to make adjustments as necessary to all assignments involved.

All Information is located on <https://hub.nichols.edu/housing> under "Returning Student Room Selection" Tab.

ROOM & BOARD RATES 2026-2027

ROOM TYPE	Rate Per Semester	Financial Aid Note
Traditional Double – <i>Olsen, Center, North, Budleigh & Winston</i>	\$4,841	
Traditional Triple & Quad – <i>Olsen, Center, & North</i>	\$4,648	
Traditional Single by Design – <i>Budleigh & Olsen</i>	\$5,858	
Triple Suite – <i>Remillard & Shamie</i>	\$5,083	First-Year / Standard Room Cost
Double Suite – <i>Shamie, Remillard & Kuppenheimer</i>	\$5,286	
Suite Single by Design – <i>Remillard</i>	\$6,238	
Apartment Double – <i>Copper Beech</i>	\$6,541	
Apartment Single – <i>Copper Beech</i>	\$7,599	
Single Buyout Supplement – Double	\$1,764	RL & SFS Approval Required
Single Buyout Supplement – Triple	\$1,966	RL & SFS Approval Required
DINING PLAN TYPE	Rate Per Semester	Minimum Requirement Eligibility
Platinum Plan - 19 Meal swipes per week (3 max per day) - \$50 Bison Bucks per semester—used on/off campus - \$50 Dining Dollars per semester—used on campus only - 3 guest/bonus meals per semester <i>*The remaining balance at end of semester is forfeited</i>	\$3,645	Minimum for first-year students in housing for the full academic year. All residents in housing; first-years, sophomores, juniors, seniors, graduate students. All commuter students.
Gold Plan - 10 Meal swipes per week (3 max per day) - \$150 Bison Bucks per semester—used on/off campus - \$175 Dining Dollars per semester—used on campus only - 5 guest/bonus meals per semester <i>*The remaining balance at end of semester is forfeited</i>	\$3,400	Minimum for sophomores, juniors, and seniors in non-apartment style housing. For sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students in housing. All commuter students.
Silver Plan - 90 Meal swipes per semester (3 max per day) - \$300 Bison Bucks per semester—used on/off campus - \$150 Dining Dollars per semester—used on campus only - 5 guest/bonus meals per semester <i>*The remaining balance at end of semester is forfeited</i>	\$2,400	For sophomores, juniors and seniors in copper beech apartments, or any graduate student. All commuter students.
Bronze Plan - 45 Meal swipes at Lombard Dining Hall - \$75 Bison Bucks—used on/off campus - \$75 Dining Dollars—used on campus only - 3 guest/bonus meals <i>*The remaining balance at end of academic year is forfeited</i>	\$965	For graduate students in housing. All commuter students.
Nickel Plan - 25 Meal swipes at Lombard Dining Hall - \$75 Bison Bucks—used on/off campus <i>*The remaining balance at end of academic year is forfeited</i>	\$365	All commuter students.

