

Dear Potential 49er!

Congratulations on being accepted to California State University, Long Beach! We know this is a busy time for you and recognize that you may still be deciding which institution you will be attending in the fall. Our University policy is to require all students to designate to us their plans for housing (either putting in an exemption for housing or to apply for housing). Of course, we see lots of value in living on campus and encourage students to do so; however, **WE DO NOT GUARANTEE HOUSING**. Last year, we had an unexpectedly high number of students requesting housing with about **400 students** ending up on our wait list. We were not able to house them. Housing filled up on the day that confirmations of attendance were due. This year our applications are trending high once again. We are sending this email to a targeted audience of students who live outside of 20 miles of campus to encourage you to apply for housing as soon as possible. Last year, housing filled up on the day that confirmations to attend were due.

The Housing application or the exemption form is available by logging into the [Housing Portal](#) and signing in with your university credentials. **Payment of a \$275 Service Fee is due to confirm your housing application is complete.** Applications without payment are considered incomplete.

Bottomline, Housing is first come, first serve, and we are filling up quickly, so we encourage you to make the best decision for next year as soon as possible.

Risk of Applying Now?

- If you plan on attending the University and want to live on campus. There is no risk
- If you change your mind and decide not to live on campus or to go to another university, you forfeit your \$275 Service Fee.

Risk of Applying Later?

- No Housing Available On Campus
- Uncertainty and Added Stress about when/if you are pulled from the Waitlist
- Difficulties Finding Affordable Housing in the Area
- Challenges finding roommates
- Transportation Issues and Parking

What happens if I end up on the Waitlist? What's the chances that I'll be pulled into housing?

- Students on the waitlist are prioritized by the time that they made their payment and fully completed their application. In mid-May, a student on the wait list could call our office to learn where they are on the list.
- Students change their plans throughout the summer. As beds become available, our office reaches out to students who are on the waitlist (in order of completed application) to offer them housing.
- It is unpredictable how many students will change their plans each year, so there is not way to estimate your chances of making the housing from the waitlist.

- If you are waitlisted and removed your name from the waitlist on or before July 21st, your \$275 will be refunded. If you want to remain on the wait list beyond that point, a refund isn't possible.

We wanted to reach out to you first as we recognize that commuting from your home address is difficult or impossible. If you have questions, please contact us via email at housing@csulb.edu or at 562-985-4187.

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