

Roommate Finder Q & A for Website

How do I apply for on campus housing?

First year students who are enrolled in the undergraduate college need to submit a \$50.00 housing deposit to the Office of Admission. They will then receive a letter providing detailed information about the online housing application process.

Law and graduate level students, students in need of married, same-sex domestic partner, or family housing, and students with physical disabilities, or who want to request a single room to accommodate a physical or emotional need, or those who identify as transgender should contact the Residential Life Office directly for more information.

How do I find the online housing application/contract?

Incoming students who plan to live in our residence halls will have the ability to access the online housing application beginning on April 1st. You must be an admitted student and have your Hamline ID number and password.

1. Go to Piperline (on the Hamline University website) at www.hamline.edu/piperline
2. Log in with your Hamline ID number and password. If you have misplaced your ID and password information, you may contact Student Administrative Services at 651.523.3000 or 1.800.888.2182 for assistance.
3. Click on Services for Admitted Students
4. Click on Housing Application/Contract-Roommate Finder

The online Housing Application/Contract – Roommate Finder has three distinct functions; to allow students to electronically complete and sign the Hamline University Housing and Meal Plan Contract, complete the profile questions, and to communicate with other incoming students to potentially choose a roommate(s).

Why do I have to choose a nickname?

Incoming undergraduate students living in our residence halls will have the ability to communicate with other incoming students to potentially choose their own roommate(s). We want students to have the opportunity to have conversations anonymously and creating a nickname allows this to happen. Please remember to choose a nickname that is respectful and appropriate.

What is Match Display Count?

When you have completed your profile, our software will provide a list of students whose profile answers best matched yours. The Match Display Count is asking you how many of these matched profiles you want displayed. For example, if you fill in 10 in the Match Display Count field you will see your top 10 matches.

Should I read the Housing and Meal Plan contract?

Yes. When you apply for housing online you are agreeing to a contract to live on campus for the full 9 month academic year. The contract provides a wealth of information including: room and meal plan rates, important contract dates, resident expectations, and meal plan information.

Where do I find out more information about theme communities?

Each incoming student is sent a booklet titled; “Living on Campus” which contains detailed descriptions of each theme community. This booklet is also available in pdf form at on the Residential Life homepage;
http://www.hamline.edu/hamline_info/offices_services/student_relations/studentaffairs/res/housing.html

Do I have to do extra work if I live in a theme community?

No. Resident Advisors on every floor provide programming for their residents. This programming provides an opportunity to build relationships within the community and enrich each resident’s college experience. In theme communities the subject matter of programs are designed around a central theme. When students share similar interests and passions stronger communities can be formed.

Which residence halls are available for incoming first year students?

The first year communities will be housed in Sorin Hall, Schilling Hall, Osborn Hall and Peterson Hall.

Which residence halls are available for incoming transfer students?

We are excited to provide a transfer community in Drew Hall. Drew Hall also houses 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students. Our staff understands that transfer students have unique needs. Housing transfer students together in one community allows the Resident Advisor to plan programs to address the specific needs of transfer students. It also provides an opportunity for transfer students to form relationships with each other.

Why do I have to answer the profile questions?

The profile questions are designed to identify students who can live together as compatible roommates. Each question requires a response and a value of the importance of that question to the student. Values for importance range from zero to 99 and allow you to determine the most important questions for you, so that better roommate matches can be achieved. For example if you do not smoke and it is important that your roommate does not smoke you would enter 99 for the level of importance.

How do I view the profiles of other students?

To view a profile, click on any of the Name links in the different sections of the Roommate Finder Enrollment Profile, or select the person from the “Choose An Enrolled Person” pull-down list, in the View Enrolled Profiles section of the web page.

How do I find my top roommate matches?

The Roommate Matches section of the page will display your top matches from highest to lowest. The score is calculated by your profile answers and the importance you gave each answer. The number of matches displayed is based on the value you entered in the Match Display Count section of the application.

How do I send messages?

Messages can be sent to anyone enrolled in the Roommate Finder system that could potentially be your roommate. To send a message, select a recipient from the pull-down menu, enter a subject and enter the message you would like to send and press the “Send Message” button.

How do I access messages sent to me?

The messages someone sends to you can be viewed by clicking on the “Received Messages” link located at the top of the Hamline Roommate Finder Enrollment Profile. You can delete or reply to these messages.

How do I request a roommate?

To be placed with the roommate(s) of your choice your request **must be mutual** (the person you select must also select you) and be submitted by the **July 15** deadline. You should communicate with your potential roommate and you should decide together to select each other as roommates.

To request a roommate go to the Roommate Requests section and select the person you would like to room with from the pull-down list. If you want to live in a quad you can select as many as three people. If you prefer to live in a double room you should select only one person.

To remove a person as a roommate request, press the “Remove Name” button with the name of the person you would like to remove.

What if I don't want someone to select me as their roommate?

We only place roommate together if they have requested each other. You also have the option of excluding people from being your roommate. To exclude a person go to the “Roommate Exclusions” section and select the person you would like to exclude from the

“Exclude a Roommate” pull-down list. To prevent a person from messaging you un-check the “Allow Messages” check box next to the excluded person. Press the “Process Exclusions” button to save your changes.

To remove a person from being excluded, check the “Remove” check box next to the person, and press the “Process Exclusions” button.

Do I have to choose a roommate?

We want our students to have the option of choosing their own roommate, but it is not mandatory that they do so. If you don’t want to choose your own roommate or if you miss the July 15 deadline, we will match you with a roommate. To do this we utilize a program that compares the profile answers of students and matches them accordingly.

Can I change my roommate choice?

You can change your roommate choice up until July 15. On July 16 we will begin the placement process. Once placement has been completed we do not change roommates or housing assignments.