



Transfer Housing

Transfer students who have been out of high school for more than one year are not guaranteed on-campus housing (students who graduated from high school within the past year are required to live on campus). This publication is designed to help you understand your housing options.

Option 1: On-Campus Housing (housing.appstate.edu)

Confirm Your Enrollment: Respond to your offer of Admission by submitting your advanced payment in MyMountaineer.

Apply Early: You can apply to live in a residence hall as soon as February 1st (for fall entry) and September 1st (for spring entry). Spaces are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. University Housing will begin to notify students about whether they have received on-campus housing beginning in mid-March (fall entry) or November (spring entry).

Check your App State email: Housing offers are sent to students' Appalachian State email address and require a response within a few days.

Keep checking and keep in touch with University

Housing: You may not get an answer about whether you can live on-campus until late Spring or Summer for fall entry and late Fall for spring. If you are uncertain of your application status, *ask!*

Seal the deal: You are not committed to living on campus until you have received an offer from University Housing and have accepted that offer within the deadline.

Residential Learning Communities:

Two Residential Learning Communities (RLCs) for transfer students: 1) the general Transfer RLC in Belk Hall and 2) the Transfer Educators RLC in Newland Hall.

Special RLC application required: Residents are accepted based on the essay answers in the application (*hint: put effort into your essay!*).

Benefits of living in a Transfer RLC: Residents will benefit from living with students going through a similar transfer experience and are expected to fully participate in the RLC events, including a retreat, programming, and social events.

RLC residents can only room with other RLC Residents: If students have a roommate preference, you and your preferred roommate must both apply and be accepted to the RLC.

Questions?

University Housing, housing.appstate.edu

Off-Campus Student Services, offcampus.appstate.edu

Office of Transfer Services, transfer.appstate.edu

Student Veteran Services,

studentveteranservices.appstate.edu

Option 2: Off-Campus Housing (offcampus.appstate.edu)

Over 80% of our new transfer students live off-campus: Boone has a large variety of rental properties geared towards students, including large apartment complexes, smaller complexes, stand-alone buildings, and rental houses. There are many options in terms of location, price, and type of off-campus housing.

Do your research: Think carefully about what you want in a housing situation, ask questions, look for online reviews, and view the property that you will be living in, if at all possible. You can find a list of "Questions to Ask When Deciding Where to Live" on the Off-Campus Student Services Website: offcampus.appstate.edu

Know what's included: Some rental properties include all utilities and services in the monthly rent. Others include some utilities, but require you to pay for certain utilities, amenities or services. Make sure you know what's included and how much the additional costs will be before you sign a lease.

Joint or individual lease: Many apartment complexes in Boone lease space by the bedroom, with each tenant signing his or her own individual lease. With an individual lease you are only responsible for your share of the rent and can't be held liable if your roommate doesn't pay. With a joint lease, all tenants are considered legally responsible for the full monthly rent on the property. *To review your lease for free with a licensed attorney, contact the Student Legal Clinic at 828-262-8284.*

Public transportation in Boone: Boone's free bus service is called "AppalCart". AppalCart buses travel throughout the community on thirteen different routes, which include stops at most apartment complexes and neighborhoods where students live. Parking in Boone and on-campus is limited, so many students rely on the AppalCart to get to and from campus every day.

Off-Campus Student Services: Lots of information and resources are provided on its two websites: offcampus.appstate.edu and offcampushousing.appstate.edu. You can also contact the office by phone at 828-262-8284 with questions about finding a rental and living off-campus.

Veterans: Check with Student Veterans Services (studentveteranservices.appstate.edu; 828-262-2722) for a list of military friendly rental companies and information about applying your veterans benefits to off-campus housing costs.

Option 3: Apply for On-Campus Housing but have a back-up plan

We recommend that students waiting to hear about on-campus housing also explore off-campus housing options in case you are not offered on-campus housing. Students who have applied for on-campus housing are not committed to living on-campus until they accept a housing offer.

Finding apartments, roommates & subleases

The University's off-campus housing database (offcampushousing.appstate.edu) is a great place to start your search for a place to live in Boone and for roommates. In addition, there are several Facebook group pages where students often post housing needs: Appalachian State Transfers (the Facebook page for the Office of Transfer Services) and App State Classifieds (not affiliated with the University). Students should use caution & common sense when connecting with other students through websites or social media.