The Department of Residence Life is excited to offer easy, online housing renewal for the upcoming academic year. The Renewal Portal opens on **February 1, 2015** to begin your application and to request and confirm roommates. The Room Selection tab opens on **March 17, 2015**. An additional housing deposit is not required from you to reserve your room.

On Page 2, you will find important dates for renewal. Depending on which day you choose to renew, you will have different options to choose from. You can choose to renew your current space, or any available space on-campus. It’s easy, you make the choice.

Private rooms will not be available until after the halls open in August. If you are interested in securing a private room for next year, please visit with your hall staff during Fall check-in.

To renew online, simply go to the MySam Portal. Choose Students tab, and Apply for Housing.

If you fail to renew a space in housing by **March 26, 2015**, you may be placed on a non-guaranteed waiting list. Remember, it’s first come / first served, so make your plans now.

**CONTRACT INFORMATION**

Students who renew their housing contract should remember that all housing contracts are for the entire academic year (both Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 terms).

Residence Life does not offer housing contracts for the fall term only.

**WHAT’S NEW FOR FALL 2015**

**FINE ARTS AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS INTRODUCE THE BELVIN-BUCHANAN HALL CREATIVE COMMUNITY!**

Beginning Fall 2015, Belvin-Buchanan Hall will be a co-ed facility reserved for students who are majoring in Art, Dance, Mass Communication, Theatre, Musical Theatre, and the School of Music. The ground floor has been renovated to include practice space solely dedicated to the residents of Belvin. View more information about this exciting partnership on our website.

**WANT TO LIVE WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?**

The International Programs Department is sponsoring several international students next year who are seeking American roommates. If you are interested in living with an International student, please call Cassie Cure at International Programs (936) 294–3276. Reserved rooms for this program will be at Bearkat Village Apartments.

**FALL HOUSING CHARGES**

All Fall semester rent charges will be posted to your fee statement beginning July 10, 2015. Be sure to check your statement regularly paying special attention to payment dates. Failure to pay by the set deadlines will result in the loss of your class schedule and holds will be placed on your student account.
Timeline

START HERE
OPEN APPLICATION

February 1, 2015 - Housing Application Opens—Returning students who wish to live on-campus for the 2015-2016 Academic Year and for the 2015 Summer Term. At this time, only the Personal and Contact Details, Medical Information, Questionnaire, and Roommate Search tabs are available.

February 1, 2015 - Roommate Selection Opens - Returning Students who have applied for housing may search for a roommate. The following conditions must exist before a roommate request can be honored: (1) both students must be SHSU students who currently live on-campus, (2) both students must have begun a housing application online for the same term, (3) both students must request and confirm each other online and (4) during room selection a double occupancy room must exist.

Returning students may search and confirm other returning students to be their roommates through the MySam Housing Portal from February 1, 2015 - March 23, 2015. This will ensure that the roommate pair will be able to renew to any available space on March 24, 2015 when general room selection opens. Roommate requests are not guaranteed and it is the student’s responsibility to ensure that when selecting a room, if they have a confirmed roommate request, that the roommate is also placed in the room. Requesting a roommate after you have chosen a room will not automatically pull that person into the room.

PICK A ROOM FOR 2015-2016

March 17 - 18, 2015 - Renew current bed. At this time, returning students may renew their current bed for the next academic year. Displaced students living in Raven Village 4th floor and Houston House will not be able to choose a bed at this time. This process closes at 5 pm on March 18, 2015.

March 24, 2015 General Room Selection begins for returning students to select any available space on-campus. Students who have confirmed roommates will be able to pull the roommate into an empty room.

Room Swap - Once a student has a housing assignment, this tab will be available to monitor other open spaces. Through this tab a student can “swap” their room assignment. It will only move them and not their roommate, regardless if they are confirmed or not.

March 26, 2015 - General Room Selection ends at 5pm. Students who have selected a room can swap their room until July 10, 2015. All other students who have not selected a room and still wish to live on-campus should contact the Residence Life Office Front Desk (936-294-1812) to be placed on a “non guarantee” waiting list.

PICK A ROOM FOR SUMMER 2015

March 24, 2015 Room Selection begins for returning students. Summer facilities will be $640 per summer session and include Bearkat Village (Bldgs. J, K, and L) and Raven Village (1st floor). Students who have confirmed roommates will be able to pull the roommate into an empty room.

Room Swap - Once a student has a housing assignment, this tab will be available to monitor other open spaces. Through this tab a student can “swap” their room assignment. It will only move them and not their roommate, regardless if they are confirmed or not.

May 8, 2015 - Self Select Ends at 5 pm - Room selection for the Summer 2015 term will close at 5 pm on May 8, 2015. Applicants applying after that date will be assigned by the Residence Life Department.
Got a Question?

How do I renew online?

From the SHSU home page, choose MySam → Students → Apply for Housing. From the Housing Portal, choose Application and select the appropriate term. Page 2 opposite this page lists detailed information regarding important dates to remember.

Do I need to pay any money to reserve a space?

No. Your housing deposit that is currently on file will transfer to a future term, and you do not need to pay another housing deposit.

What is the cost to live on-campus next year?

Housing and Dining rates will be published on the SHSU Residence Life website when they are approved in late February, 2015.

Can I renew a space for my roommate?

Yes. Page 2 of this packet details how to request and confirm a roommate. Students who want to live with a specific person are encouraged to request and confirm their roommate before general room selection opens on March 24, 2015. Once roommates have confirmed each other, either student may enter the portal and reserve a room for both students.

How do I change rooms after I pick a space?

Once a student has a housing assignment, the Room Swap tab will be available to monitor other open spaces (beginning March 24, 2015). Through this tab a student can “swap” their room assignment. It will only move them and not their roommate, regardless if they are confirmed or not.

What are the academic areas on campus?

SHSU offers academic areas, or 24 hour quiet areas on campus to encourage a study environment. If you wish to live in an academic area, choose Spivey House/Raven Village 3rd floor (must be in Honors Program).

What if the building that I want is full?

During general room selection, students have the opportunity to choose from all the available beds before new students who are not currently on-campus can choose a space. If the building that you want is full, please choose another room. You can re-enter the Housing Portal Room Swap tab at any time to look for vacancies in the building that you would like to swap to without losing your current reservation.

When do I renew if I am displaced?

Students currently living at Raven Village 3rd floor who are not in the Honors Program, Raven Village 4th floor, Houston House, and Belvin who are not FAMC majors are considered displaced and cannot renew to their own bed. If you currently live there, you can renew to any available space beginning March 24, 2015 (8 am) through March 26, 2015.

What if I miss online renewal?

If you miss online renewal after March 26, 2015, it is possible that housing will be full. To be placed on a waiting list, contact the Residence Life Front Desk at (936) 294-1812. Housing will be not guaranteed.
If you make a reservation for the 2015-2016 Academic Year or the 2015 Summer Term and you would like to cancel your reservation, please refer to the guidelines below.

**Cancellation of reservation for 2015-2016 Academic Year**
- Cancel by July 1, 2015—receive $190 deposit refund
- Cancel by August 15, 2015—receive $100 deposit refund
- Cancel after August 15, 2015—no refund

**Cancellation of reservation for Summer Terms**
- 2015 Summer 1 Term or 1&2 Term—cancel by May 19, 2015—receive $190 deposit refund
- 2015 Summer 2 Term—cancel by July 1, 2015—receive $190 deposit refund

To cancel online, go to MySam → Students → Housing Portal → Application and go to the Cancel Application tab to complete your cancellation.

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**Waiting List**

Students who complete online renewal during Room Selection will be guaranteed housing for the 2015-2016 Academic Year. However, any students who miss online renewal may be placed on a waiting list after March 26, 2015. We will make every effort to place you on-campus, but you are not guaranteed housing.

Contact Residence Life at (936) 294-1812 to be placed on the non-guaranteed waiting list.

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