

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Frequently Asked Questions

WHERE DO I START?

You'll want to start by creating a detailed budget. A budget can help you stay financially secure when you're living off campus. Make sure to take into account the monthly rent and utility payments such as electricity, water, gas, and Wi-Fi if they are not included in the rent. Student Money Management on the SHSU campus is a great resource to help when creating a budget, so be sure to utilize their services!



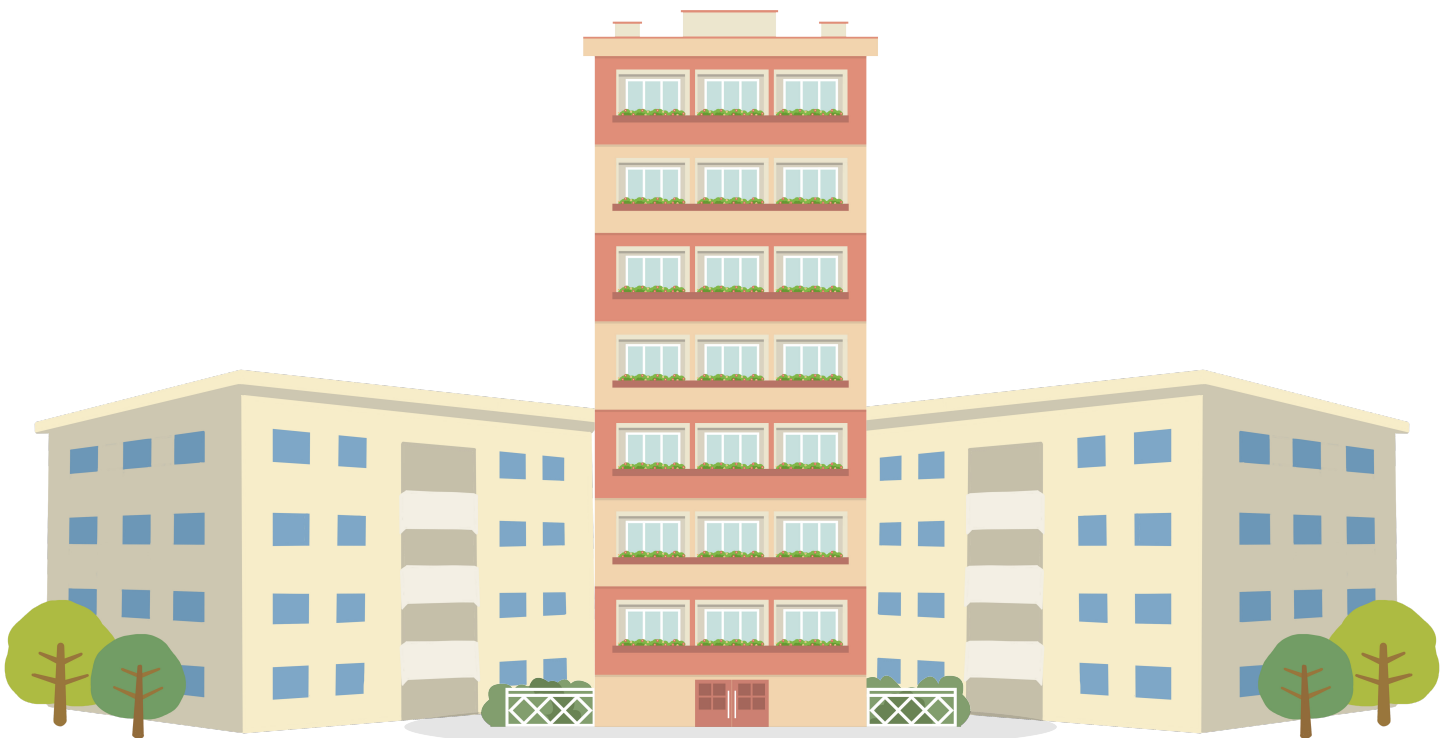
CAN FINANCIAL AID HELP WITH OFF-CAMPUS LIVING?

Financial aid can help cover off-campus housing depending on how you get your refund back. If it is returned with no restrictions on how to spend it, you can use that money to pay rent and other monthly expenses that come along with living off campus.

WHAT DOES THE PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

Start by finding an apartment community that fits your needs and completing a rental application.

Most apartment communities require proof of income. If you do not meet the income requirements, you may need a guarantor or co-signer. Once approved, carefully review your lease before signing. A lease is a legally binding agreement and ending it early can be difficult and costly. If you have questions about your lease, Student Legal and Mediation Services at SHSU can review it with you before you sign.



HOW WILL I FIND ROOMMATES?



Some apartment communities have roommate matching programs. All you have to do is fill out a survey about your lifestyle, and the apartment community matches you with a roommate(s) that is compatible with you based on the answers provided.

WHAT ABOUT TRANSPORTATION?

Some apartment communities are within walking distance of campus, while several others offer shuttle service to and from campus throughout the day. If you require transportation, choosing an apartment community that provides this service may be your best option.



HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact the Residence Life Office for more information.

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