

## The Checklist for Living On-Campus

Is your student ready to live on campus? Complete this checklist with them to be sure:

### Yes!

- We read about the University Residence Halls online, including the contract.
- We have considered our finances and read the rate information.
- We have submitted the \$200 non-refundable application fee and the paper housing application available for download at [www.morgan.edu](http://www.morgan.edu) on the webpage for The Office of Residence Life & Housing.
- We have logged onto <http://reslife.morgan.edu> to complete the housing application process by submitting building and roommate preferences.
- We understand that housing assignments are not guaranteed and that satisfactory financial arrangements for tuition, fees, room and board for the Fall Semester 2011 must be paid by August 1 in order to check-in to the confirmed assignment.
- We are no longer interested in exploring other housing options (e.g. MorganView Apartments or apartments off-campus) in the Baltimore area.
- We read the cancellation policy and understand that a student can be released from a housing contract only if he or she no longer plans to attend Morgan State University.
- I realize that if my student signs and submits a Housing Application and the non-refundable fee, he or she (and the co-signer, if applicable) will have a legally binding agreement subject to the terms and conditions of the contract. If the student is not 18 years old, the housing application must also be co-signed by my parent or legal guardian, and that a signature forms a binding legal contract.
- I want my student to live in University Residence Halls — the choice most new students make each year!**

## Housing Rates

The rates listed for the 2011-12 academic year are per semester costs. Most new residents are assigned to a double room. Amounts listed are per resident per semester (Fall and Spring).

<b>2011–12 Double Room Rate</b>	<b>\$2,802</b>
<i>Our room rate includes Internet service, cable TV, and all utilities at no additional charge.</i>	
<b>Dining Services Meal Plan</b>	<b>\$1,452</b>
<i>This rate includes any 14 meals per week. Larger meal plans can be purchased for additional cost. Thompson Hospitality Services provide a full-service dining program and multiple dining venues in convenient locations. This rate supports the operation of our dining facilities and comprehensive dining services program.</i>	
<b>Semester Cost for Room &amp; Meals</b>	<b>\$4,254</b>
Yearly (Fall and Spring) Cost Room & Meals (Board)	<b>\$8,508</b>

Tuition and Fees are additional and separate costs. The total cost of attendance for one semester (including tuition, fees, room and meals/board) is \$7,718 for Maryland Residents and \$12,321 for Non-Maryland Residents. Only full-time students (12 credits per semester) are permitted to reside on-campus at Morgan State University.

## Opening Day

For new and transfer students with confirmed housing assignments, the residence halls will open on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at 9 a.m. Hall assignments will be emailed to eligible housing applicants on or after June 20. Complete Opening Day information will be available on The Office of Residence Life & Housing homepage located under 'Campus Life' at [www.morgan.edu](http://www.morgan.edu) after July 1. Roommate assignments will be emailed on August 5 after 12 Noon.

## Assistance

We are here to help. If you have questions about the housing process or what it will be like to live on campus at MSU, we have an entire staff dedicated to answering your questions from what types of programs and activities happen to how to get along with your roommate. Just contact the Office of Residence Life & Housing, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 443-885-3217 and our team will be very happy to help you with any of your housing questions.

## The On-Campus Advantage

Students who live on-campus have an advantage over students who live off-campus. Before you make a decision on whether or not live off-campus make sure you have fully considered the advantages to living on-campus. No other living experience for college students at Morgan State University offers the same full scope of benefits as University Housing. Below you will find the top 10 reasons students state for staying on-campus.

**Academic Maturity:** Students who live on campus score higher on writing tests, academic autonomy, and interdependence than students who live off-campus. Students on-campus work collaboratively with their peers and develop increased motivation for academic success.

**Convenience:** Living on-campus puts students within walking distance of all their classes, the library, all the gyms, great food, the Morgan shuttle system, and many friends. Hours in transportation and lots of gas money are saved every week by living on campus!

**Exciting Events and Activities:** If students want to get involved in college life outside of classes there is no better place to be than the residence halls. Besides the fact that everything on-campus is within a 10 minute walk, there are hundreds of social and educational opportunities that occur in the residence halls every semester.

**Friendship:** When students are asked what they remember most about living in the residence halls they almost always mention the close friendships they formed that are still in place after college. Since most residence halls have a large number of students there is a great diversity of students to meet and find friends with the same or different interests. Each residence hall includes lounges for students to socialize and common area TVs for students to watch together.

**Higher Grades:** Students who live on-campus have higher grades in both their first and second years in college! They also have greater access to the library, study space, tutors, and friends to help them study. We even have free tutors and computer labs that live in the residence halls to assist students through the Academic Enrichment Program.

**Involvement:** Students living on-campus are more involved in all the activities and organizations college offers. Students on-campus take greater advantage of their tuition dollars by attending more events, joining more clubs and organizations, and getting involved in athletics, arts, education, and entertainment.

**One Payment Per Semester:** Living off-campus usually results in a multitude of bills students on-campus never need to worry about. Students off-campus should be prepared to have someone pay monthly bills for rent, cable TV, electric or fuel oil, water and sewer, internet access, and maybe even trash pick-up. In the residence halls all the services are wrapped up in one payment, once a semester.

**Retention:** Students who live on-campus actually stay in college longer. By becoming more involved and being close to the center of campus, students living on campus are 13% more likely to stay in college than students living off-campus.

**Safety:** Residence hall main doors are controlled by a keycard access system in which only students living in the residence hall can access the building. Every night there is an RA on duty. All RAs are trained in noticing and responding to security risks (i.e. propped exterior doors). In addition, the main desks of all residence halls are staffed every night from 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. by a Night Manager (MSU Police are also minutes away).

**Service:** All the residence halls are well-maintained with quality service. Housekeepers work within each residence hall and a large maintenance staff is ready to fix any problems as quickly as possible. Students off-campus need to be prepared to distribute duties for bathroom cleaning, vacuuming, and sweeping. In addition, all the residence halls offer laundry and vending service so students never have to leave the comfort of their building to clean their clothes or grab a snack.