Declare Your Housing Plans - FAQ

1. **I'm an admitted student and am ready to book my housing with ONU! How do I get started?**

   First things first—pay your ONU Enrollment Deposit here: DEPOSIT TODAY!

   Once you've deposited, you should receive an email from your admissions counselor in November with your account login information, giving you access to your ONU account and the housing application.

2. **What is the difference between the Housing Application and Housing Booking?**

   Housing Application (Required if living On-Campus): This is where you officially tell us you're planning to live on campus. You'll share your roommate trait preferences, rank residence hall/floor options, pick a meal plan, and sign the Campus Community Covenant.

   *********Once you have completed the Housing Application, you will get an email to your ONU outlook inbox with access to Housing Booking & managing your roommate selection! You will also gain access to this on your **Housing Gateway**.*

   Manage Roommate Groups/Pairing (Optional): On this form, you will have an opportunity to name the roommate who you'd like to live with. To officially add and lock in a roommate, they must have already completed their own Housing Application. This triggers the email they'll need to officially confirm the pairing.

   Housing Booking (Optional): This is where you select your *exact* room placement -- especially helpful if you have a specific room you really want or if you and a chosen roommate want to lock in a specific spot together.

3. **Do I need to Complete the Housing Application if I am Commuting?**

   If you plan to commute from your parents' home, you will not complete the Housing Application. Instead, please submit the **Off-Campus Petition**.

   Note: Commuting students must live within 60 miles (one way) of Olivet. Commuting students who are 22 years old or younger must also commute from their parents'/legal guardian's home.

4. **What if I complete my Housing Application without listing a roommate, but find one later?**

We've got you covered! Return to the ***Housing Gateway*** and select "**Manage Roommate Groups**." To officially add and lock in a roommate, they must have already completed their own Housing Application. This triggers the email they'll need to officially confirm the pairing.

5. **How do I find a roommate?**
   While you don't need to choose a roommate yourself (since ONU will match you based on the preferences you list in your Housing Application) ZeeMee is the best place to start if you'd like to find someone yourself.

   Download the app, connect with other admitted ONU students, attend our ZeeMee Chat Events, introduce yourself in the "Find a Roommate" chat channel, send DMs, etc. to begin making connections.

   Download ZeeMee today:

6. **If I don't name a specific roommate, how does Olivet match me with someone?**
   Your Housing Application includes a series of roommate trait questions. The system uses those responses to pair you with someone who shares similar preferences and habits.

7. **Where can I see my housing assignment and who is assigned as my roommate?**

   Log in to **my.olivet.edu** and follow these steps:

   Select **Student Support** from the top purple banner
   Click **RESLife and Housing**
   Open the **Housing Gateway**
   And select **VIEW MY BOOKING DETAILS**

8. **What if I book housing but decide I want to switch rooms?**
   Just email housing@olivet.edu and they'll help you explore available options and make any needed changes.

9. **Can I have a single room?**
   For students who would prefer a single room, please contact housing@olivet.edu.

However, if you have a medical need for a single room, contact the Accessibility and Disability Resources (ADR) by email or phone. If approved, your request will be forwarded to Housing and prioritized.

ADR Email: ADR@olivet.edu
ADR Phone: (815) 928-5457

10. Where can I find room layouts and dimensions?

Room layouts and dimensions are available on **HERE** under "**Building Information**".

11. What are the meal plan options?

Residential students at Olivet have 5 meal-plan options:

1. 7-day Unlimited Platinum + $225 in Flex Dollars
2. 7-day Unlimited + $25 in Flex Dollars
3. 14 Meals (per week) + $25 in Flex Dollars
4. Block 135 + $150 in Flex Dollars (approx. 9 meals per week)
5. Block 160 + $100 in Flex Dollars (approx. 11 meals per week)

- *Cost of meal plans 3–5 are the same and are included in the standard Housing and Meals fee on your ONU Financial Aid Offer. Meal plans 1–2 cost extra beyond the Housing and Meals base fee.*

Commuter students are also able to select a meal plan from the following 4 options:

1. 30 Meals + $50 in Flex Dollars
2. 50 Meals + $50 in Flex Dollars
3. 75 Meals + $50 in Flex Dollars
4. 100 Meals + $50 in Flex Dollars

Meal plans are selected via the Housing Application (residential students) or the Off-Campus Petition (commuter students).