

Alpha Omega & Trinity House Q & A

How much is rent?

For the 2017-2018 year, rent is \$795/month. This includes meals prepared by a cook 5 days a week and enough available food for students to prepare breakfast and weekend meals. Rent also covers all utilities, internet access, and room furnishings including a bed, desk, and space for clothes. Several house activities are also covered by rent.

How and where do I apply?

You can obtain a House Application from the House Manager, online at fbceugene.com/college/houses/, or from the Collegiate Christian Fellowship (CCF) office at FBC. A \$55 non-refundable application fee (check made payable to First Baptist Church of Eugene) is required with your application submission.

If I cancel my application, do I get my application fee back?

No, the application fee is applied to costs incurred for screening. Such costs exceed the application fee. However, if you are selected for residency in the House, your application fee will be credited towards your House fee.

When should I apply to the House?

The House will begin accepting applications in November of the year prior to requested residency in the House. (For example, if you are applying for residency in the Fall of 2018, we will officially accept your application as early as November 1, 2017.) Once the House is full, a waiting list will be started.

Do I have to pay a deposit every year?

No. When you pay your deposit for the first time, you will not have to pay it again, as long as your residency in the House is continuous.

How are roommates selected?

A questionnaire is sent out to all incoming residents during the summer that asks various questions about roommate preferences, personal habits, interests, etc. Based on questionnaire answers, roommates are matched as closely as possible.

Can we request a roommate?

Yes. If you know another resident who will be coming into the House in the fall (or you know someone already in the House who wants you to room with them), you may

request that person as a roommate. We will work hard to honor those requests, although we will not guarantee them.

Do I have internet access in the House?

Yes, all rooms have high-speed internet access.

Am I allowed to have friends stay overnight?

Friends of the same gender may stay overnight with pre-approval of the House Manager. They may stay for up to three nights. If your friend is of the opposite sex, let the House Manager know and they may help you find a suitable place for them to stay.

Am I allowed to have the opposite sex visit?

Yes, provided they follow the visitation hours and guidelines in the House Policy and as directed by House leadership.

When is my rent due and where do I send my payment?

Rent payments are due on the 15th of the month with the exception of September and December. The first month of rent, September, is due upon move-in, which is pre-determined in the House Contract. A late fee of \$5/day will be assessed if your payment is late. Payments (checks made payable to First Baptist Church of Eugene) should be given to the House Manager on or before the due date.

Can I pay for more than one month at a time?

Yes, some residents choose to pay by term, and in a few cases, for the whole year.

Is there a lease involved?

Yes. The monthly payment is the total lease amount for an academic year divided into 9 equal payments.

Is there parking for new residents?

There are a limited number of parking spaces and parking permits for residents. These are given out based on House seniority. There is the option to park on the street in accordance with city code requirements.

Is alcohol allowed in the House or on House property?

No.

Is smoking (marijuana or tobacco) allowed in the House or on House property?

No.

How safe is the House?

The House staff are very safety conscious. The House Handbook mandates that exterior doors to the House remain locked at all times, guests must check-in, vendors must set appointments and check in with House management before entering the premises, and exterior lighting must be operational. Residents are encouraged to always lock their room doors when they leave and guests that visit residents are required to be escorted by the resident they are visiting. The escort policy exists so that “strangers” do not have free access to your home.

Who is responsible for cleaning?

Residents are responsible for cleaning their own rooms. Residents are also responsible for fulfilling their weekly house cleaning duties (ex. vacuuming the first floor, cleaning the bathroom, etc).

How does the meal schedule work?

Meals are provided every weekday, but not on the weekends, school holidays, or vacations (ex. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break, Summer).

What is the food like at the House?

The House Cook seeks to provide a variety of quality and nutritious meals.

Are we allowed to have electrical appliances?

Yes and no. A list of acceptable and unacceptable appliances is found in the House Handbook. Nothing, however, that has an open coil is permitted.

What furniture do I need to bring with me?

Residents will not need any furniture except a desk lamp if desired. A bed, desk, and space for clothes is provided.

Are there laundry facilities?

Yes. In the basement of the House there are coin-operated washing machines and dryers available for the residents.

Where will my mail go?

Available for pick-up near the front door of AO and upstairs in mailboxes at Trinity

Are we allowed pets?

Fish are the only pets allowed subject to the approval of the House Manager. Due to health allergy, safety, and damage concerns, pets are not allowed.

What are quiet hours?

All residents must observe quiet hours which are established by the House Manager. In general, if you can hear noise or music outside a resident's room it is too loud.

What are allowable decorations?

You are requested to use non-stick adhesive tape in your room. Questionable signs or decor (which do not support the purpose of the House or which you wouldn't want your parents to see), should not be put up. The House Manager has the right to have questionable material taken down.

What about visitation?

Parents are welcome at any time. Siblings must be accompanied by parents or a resident.

What should I bring with me as a new resident?

Appropriate linens for a standard twin bed (i.e. sheets, blankets, pillow cases, etc.)

Pillows

Clothing for all seasons, including a jacket or coat

Umbrella

Alarm clock

Backpack or other bag for carrying books and other supplies

Desk lamp

Computer and printer

Personal items

Items used to decorate or personalize your living space - within the limits outlined in the Handbook