Congratulations on your admission to YSU!

An international student housing requirement exists for all undergraduate international students incoming for the Spring semesters

- J-1 exchange and ELI students are required to live on campus at all times

WHY is there a requirement?

• The Residence Halls provide a safe and well-maintained living environment - this is crucial to your academic success and wellbeing!
• It is hard to find safe, affordable and quality housing during the winter months when you arrive and have very little time before Spring semester starts

The international student housing scholarship

• Each incoming undergraduate international student (F-1 visa status) is eligible to receive a $1,000 housing scholarship per semester ($2,000 total for the academic year for students arriving for fall semester)
• This scholarship will be applied toward the cost of room and board each semester
• This coming spring semester, the cost of room and board is $5,008

Exemption process available for students with valid reasons
We Specialize in First Year Housing!

**Penguin Tuition Promise** - Guaranteed rate for all four years!

**Proximity to Campus** - Steps away from classes, activities and dining!

**Community** - Make friends that will last a lifetime, build a deeper connection to campus, and enhance your overall student experience.

**Fully-Furnished Room** - Unlike most apartments, your residence hall room comes fully furnished with everything you’ll need (bed, dresser, wardrobe, desk, chair, microwave/fridge combination unit)

**Contract Terms** - Our contracts are only for the academic year, and when you are in classes. Additional break and summer housing is also available by request at an additional cost.

**Campus Meal Plan** - Dining options both on and off campus are part of your room and board, and offer both national branded and signature concepts with a variety of menu choices and hours of operation.

**Intentional Staff** - Resident Assistants (RAs) plan social programs that help residents build long-lasting relationships. Housing Coordinators (HCs) are live-in professional staff that manage the building, meet with students and supervise staff.

**Safety** - All of our residence halls have a 24/7 desk staff, security cameras in public areas, card access to enter the building and staff on call 24/7.
You Belong Here!

Cafaro House
- Designated hall for University Honor’s College students
- Houses up to 283 students
- Suite-style with mostly 8 and 18 person suites
- One wing is a traditional floor wing

Kilcawley House
- Houses up to 226 students
- Floors are split by gender due to one bathroom per floor
- Attached to Kilcawley Center by a breezeway-near campus core
- This building also includes soundproof music practice rooms

Lyden House
- Houses up to 334 students
- Traditional double room corridor. Men and women mixed in each wing. Each wing has a men’s and women’s restroom.
- Located beside Cafaro house and Christman dining hall
What are we doing to prepare for your arrival?

- Virtual housing sessions
- Dedicated international student housing webpage (direct link shared in the chat)
- Free early arrival on January 3\textsuperscript{rd} so you’re here in time for your orientation (January 4\textsuperscript{th} & 5\textsuperscript{th})
  - Register for your early arrival via the request for contract extension (link in chat)
- Your Y-Card and a welcome package will be waiting for you at your residence hall check-in
  - Y-card process
- Housing staff and IPO staff available to answer your questions and guide you to ensure you are ready for a smooth arrival to campus
What do you need to do?

1. Apply to Housing: housingapp.ysu.edu
   - Application opened November 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2022
   - $35 non-refundable application fee covers background check and other administrative processes
   - Complete all information and sign contract (this action will result in us billing your student account the $5,008 housing charge)
   - Pay $250 housing pre-payment fee by December 19\textsuperscript{th} to receive your room assignment
     - Students who sign up (or wait to make the pre-payment) beyond the December 19\textsuperscript{th} date will be required to pay their bill in full prior to receiving their room assignment information

2. Complete all move-in requirements prior to travel!
   - Did you complete your housing contract?
   - Is your student account bill (housing AND tuition) paid in full or have you registered for a payment plan?
   - Have you met the immunization requirement?
     - Students have two options to complete this requirement: 1) create a free account at medproctor.com and upload a screenshot of your immunization history for MedProctor to verify OR 2) complete the waiver form and have it notarized. Students can request the immunization waiver form by emailing housing@ysu.edu.
     - For more information about this requirement, please visit the Immunization Requirements webpage (link in chat)
   - Are you registered full-time for classes?
     - Students living on campus need to be registered at 12 credit hours (full time status)
     - Students will be required to be registered for 12 credit hours by the end of international orientation
What do you need to do?

3. Getting to campus
   - IPO offers a shuttle pick up service from the Pittsburgh International Airport on January 3rd for all international students incoming for the Spring semester
     • You must work with IPO to register for this shuttle
   - You can arrive at your assigned residence hall to pick up your keys and check-in once completion of your move-in requirements has been verified.
   - Our residence hall desks are staffed 24/7, so you are able to arrive and check-in with a Housing staff member as late (or early!) as your travel plans necessitate.

4. Settling in
   - There are staff members who live in the residence halls who can help you with any questions that you may have. These staff members are called Resident Assistants or RAs.
   - You should plan to bring your own bed linens and pillow or be sure to order them ahead of your arrival. The beds in the residence hall are size ‘Extra-Long Twin’ (see chat for link to order linens)
   - IPO has organized a full orientation for you to attend on January 4th and 5th to assist you in settling in and preparing for a successful spring semester. For more information, see link in chat!
Helpful Resources

• Check out our dedicated international student housing webpage at: [https://ysu.edu/housing-and-residence-life/housing-international-students](https://ysu.edu/housing-and-residence-life/housing-international-students)

• Please contact the Housing team with any specific housing-related questions at [housing@ysu.edu](mailto:housing@ysu.edu)

• For additional guidance on your immigration status and how you can prepare to ensure that you enjoy a successful arrival, please visit IPO’s page for Admitted International Students: [https://ysu.edu/international-programs-office/admitted-international-students](https://ysu.edu/international-programs-office/admitted-international-students)