

Colorado State University Open Housing (OH) in Summit Hall

What is open housing?

Open Housing allows CSU students to share a suite-style living space regardless of a student's sex or gender. It provides rooming options for a variety of students: those who feel uncomfortable rooming with members of the same sex, supporting transgender, transitioning, and gender non-conforming students in their process of discovering their gender identity/expression, accommodating cultural living expectations, and students who don't want sex or gender to be a primary factor in choosing a roommate. **Open housing is not intended for romantic couples.** However, in respecting the privacy of our students, we do not require disclosure of reason for roommate requests.

Is it only for a particular community?

Open Housing is available to all interested students willing and able to adhere to the OH community commitments. It is intended to be a welcoming, safe, and inclusive space living environment regardless of a student's sex, sexual orientation, or perceived gender identity. Through OH, students will be able to take part in a community that understands the importance of understanding and providing a safe and welcoming place for students of all genders.

Why is it important to offer open housing?

There are some students for whom traditional, same-sex room assignments are not ideal or appropriate. The Residence Life department at CSU believes it is important to evolve and adapt to meet the needs of students, today and tomorrow, in creating a welcoming, inclusive, and safe environment. Open Housing helps to create an environment that acknowledges, appreciates, and respects the diversity of the CSU student body by providing options in finding roommates that are truly compatible.

Who can live in Open Housing?

All CSU students living in the residence halls are eligible for this living option. That includes first-year and transfer students. Interested students will have a conversation with a Residence Life professional staff member to determine if this housing option is the best for that student.

How are roommates chosen?

Roommates are mutually-selected and are not assigned. All parties must be willing partners. Students are able to request a roommate of any sex or gender. The living space is designated for the academic year.

Can students be randomly assigned to a roommate of the opposite sex?

No. Students must opt into any roommate arrangement as willing partners.

Are bathrooms gender -neutral too?

Yes. Summit features suite style rooms comprised of either one single and one double room sharing a bathroom or two double rooms sharing a bathroom.

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Open Housing Application

Student Information

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| Student Name: | |
| CSUID: | |
| Cell Phone: | |
| Requested Roommate Name (if applicable): | |
| Roommate CSUID: | Roommate Cell Phone: |

Instructions & Information

Please complete the following information to describe your interest in Open Housing in Summit Hall. Attach on a separate sheet if needed. The details you provide will be helpful to determine your compatibility with the Open Housing Community.

Assignments to Open Housing will continue as long as space is available; space is not guaranteed.

Submit this application to the Residence Director of Summit Hall & the Open Housing Community and Teresa Metzger, Assistant Director of Residence Life electronically at ResidenceLife@ColoState.Edu or you can submit a printed copy to the Residence Life Office at the Palmer Center. Printed applications can be submitted in-person or mailed via United States Postal Service to the following address:

Residence Life
8032 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523

If you have questions feel free to call the Residence Life Office at 970.491.4719

Why are you interested in living in the Open Housing Community?

Description (max 250 words):

What does living in the Open Housing Community offer you that other campus housing may not?

Description (max 250 words):

What contributions do you believe you can offer to support a positive experience for all residents of the Open Housing Community?

Description (max 250 words):

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Date Received:

App Complete, Y/N:

Notes:

Decision:

Accepted

Wait List

Declined