Welcome to the College of Saint Benedict Local Living 2022-2023 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document! We hope that your questions will be answered in this document and this document is useful in your preparation for housing selection. If you have any questions that could not be answered in this document, please reach out to the CSB Residential Life & Housing office.

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On-Campus Housing Requirements

What is the Residency Requirement at CSB?
As a four-year residential liberal arts college, all students are required to live on campus. The process to seek exemption to live off campus has already taken place for 2022-2023. If you have not already received a release for the 2022-2023 academic year, you will participate in room selection and reside on campus. For more information about the four year residential experience, please visit the CSB Residential Life website.

Local Living Process

What is the Local Living Process?
Rising Seniors who are interested in living in an apartment off campus (St. Joseph or surrounding area) can participate in a process called “Local Living.”

Eligibility for the Local Living Process
Who is eligible to participate in the Local Living Process?
In addition to meeting housing selection criteria, students must meet the following to be eligible to participate in the local living process:

• Be a rising senior based on housing selection cohort (B1 cohort for CSB)
• Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher
• Be in good standing with the institution (not currently disciplinary and/or academic probation, and/or no significant conduct history)

Residential Life & Housing will review all rising seniors’ eligibility to participate in the process.
How will I know my eligibility/ineligibility status?
On March 15, 2022, rising seniors will be able to check the housing portal to see their eligible/ineligible status for the local living process. In addition, those who are ineligible will receive a letter in their CSBSJU email stating the reason(s) why they are ineligible.

Can my eligibility change?
In the event you are placed on academic and/or disciplinary probation, your eligibility will be rescinded. If this occurs before housing selection, you will be required to live on-campus and participate in the on-campus housing selection process. In the event you do not meet the eligibility requirements after housing selection, you may be assigned to on-campus housing, which may include a meal plan.

How do I participate in the Local Living Process?
Eligible Rising seniors will participate in the local living housing selection process that will take place on April 12, 2022 through the housing portal. This process will be similar to selecting on-campus housing, except you will select “local living” as your living group’s housing assignment for the upcoming academic year.

Is there an application process for the Local Living Process?
No.

If I participate in the Local Living Process, am I guaranteed to be released to live locally?
No. At each institution, there is a limited number of rising seniors who will be able to select “local living” as their housing assignment for the upcoming year. Rising seniors should explore which on-campus housing options will fit their lifestyle for the upcoming year.

If I can select local living as my housing assignment, is there anything else I need to do?
Once you have selected “local living” as your housing assignment, you can tour apartments, sign leases, etc. Residential Life & Housing will send an email asking you to provide your address. If you choose a local living housing assignment, you are obligated to share your address with the institution. This information will be used to update records and communicate with you if there is information you need to know.

What if my group doesn’t find a place to rent? What are our options?
We will work with you to identify a housing option. However, it may not be your preferred housing style/building as availability may be limited. Options may include residence halls.

I was not able to select local living during my selection time. What are my options?
If you were not able to select local living during selection time, you can place your name on the local living waiting list. Please see the “Wait List” section for more information.

Local Living Process Roommates
How many people can be in my living group for the Local Living Process?
Living groups of four will be able to select a local living housing assignment.
If I am by myself or am in a group of two, can I select “local living” as my housing option? No. As with all housing selection options, groups must be “full for fall.” This means living groups need to have the exact number of members for the space to participate. Please see “How many people can be in my living group for the local living process?” for more information.

What if I am rising 5th year/A1 cohort senior who wants to live locally? Do I need to participate in the local living process? No. The local living process is designed specifically for rising seniors/those in the B1 cohort. If you will be a 5th year student, specifically a student who will be over the age of 23 on the first day of the fall 2022 semester or who have attended 8 or more semesters as a full time college student following high school graduation, please complete the qualified housing exemption request process:

https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/YMCX6QHTZW

Wait List
I wasn’t able to select “local living” as my housing assignment. What are my options? If you are not able to select the preferred hall or type of housing during the selection process, you can add yourself to a waiting list.

What is a wait list? A waitlist is a list created to let CSB Residential Life & Housing know you are interested in a different housing option for the upcoming semester.

How do waiting lists work? Waitlists will open after you select housing for the upcoming academic year. The wait lists are available on the housing portal. You can add/remove yourself from any wait list until the priority deadline. From there, CSB Residential Life & Housing will be sending offers to individuals on the waiting lists in selection number order. As spaces become available, individuals will be contacted regarding a possible change in assignment.

When is the priority deadline for waiting lists? Students will need to add/remove themselves to waiting lists by April 24 at 11:59P.M.

What happens if I miss the priority deadline for waitlists? If you miss the priority deadline for waitlists, you will need to contact housinginfo@csbsju.edu to be added to your preferred waitlists. Additionally, even if you have the selection number closest to “1,” you will receive an offer after those who added their names to the list by the priority deadline.

Which housing options have waiting lists? CSB Residential Life & Housing has waiting lists for all housing options based on cohort. Once the priority deadline has passed, you will receive an email when your place on the wait lists can be viewed on the housing portal.

When will I be notified if I receive a wait list offer? As spaces become available, individuals and their roommates will be contacted via email regarding a possible change in assignment. First round offers will be sent the day after the priority deadline and will
continue throughout the summer. While some limited adjustments will occur before the end of the academic year, the largest number of changes will occur during the summer beginning in June. It is most likely that you would be contacted in June/July if any opportunities for changes in assignment are available.

Is putting my name on the wait list a guarantee that I will get my preferred space?
No.

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