

ROOM DRAW BOOK 2026-2027

GENERAL ROOM DRAW INFORMATION

Room Draw Process

Room draw is a process by which current students select housing for the 2026-2027 academic year. Students are assigned a random computer-generated room draw number based on the academic year they entered Luther College. Transfer students will be assigned a random computer-generated room draw number based on the number of transfer credit hours and college start date. This system gives next year's seniors priority in selecting housing options, then juniors, and then sophomores. Room draw numbers are individually assigned to students and will be used throughout the process. Students' numbers are final and cannot be traded with other students. If there is a discrepancy with your number, please visit the Residence Life office, with your room draw card, to talk with a Residence Life staff member.

Students will receive a room draw card, with their room draw number, in their Luther College student post office box on Friday, February 6. **Please keep this card, as students will hand the actual card back to the Residence Life staff when a room is selected.** The computer-generated number will be used for the entire room draw process. Each entering class year will be assigned a different room draw card color. Only students with yellow and blue cards will be able to apply for Baker Village, College Apartments with Kitchens, and the Prairie Houses. These three locations are for senior-level students. Ninth-semester students (yellow cards) will be pooled with our rising seniors (blue cards) when assigned computer-generated numbers. Any card color can be used for all of the other draw processes.

- Students that entered Luther College in or before fall 2022 will receive yellow room draw cards.
- Students that entered Luther College in the fall of 2023 will receive blue room draw cards.
- Students that entered Luther College in the fall of 2024 will receive green room draw cards.
- Students that entered Luther College in the fall of 2025 will receive orange room draw cards.
- Transfer students will receive a card color based on their academic-standing year at Luther College.

Room Filled to Capacity

To select a room, cluster, suite, or apartment, you must have the correct number of students to fill it to capacity. Students may not draw for a room if it is not filled to capacity. Each student is responsible for finding their own roommate.

Seeking a Roommate

Students may add their name to a list of students seeking roommates by emailing the Residence Life office at reslife@luther.edu. A Google Doc will be shared with all students on the list, and names will be entered throughout the process. We encourage students on the list to reach out to each other to begin conversations about housing.

Room Choice Binding

A student is entitled to only one housing selection during room draw; once you have successfully drawn into a room, you may not make changes. The room and roommate(s) you select during the room draw process are binding. **Students who make room or roommate changes after room draw will incur a \$200.00 penalty.** If the occupancy of a room drops below capacity at any time after room draw, the remaining resident(s) is/are expected to assist in filling the vacancy in a timely manner. The Residence Life office staff has the right to assign a student to a room without prior consent of the student(s) currently assigned to that room. If you are planning to study off campus fall 2026, please read the information on study away found below, as you are not able to participate in the room draw process.

Proxy (if absent)

- If a student is unable to participate in room draw due to being on a study away program, the residence life office should have received a form that was completed before a student left campus designating a proxy for room draw. Room draw cards will go to the SPO box of the person designated on the form. Since the majority of the draw process involves on-line applications, students can apply from anywhere. However, your proxy will need to bring your card to the residence life office when a room has been selected. Students away from campus are also welcome to call or email the Residence Life office for their draw number.

- **If a student is unable to participate in room draw:** (i.e. off campus at the time of the draw; involved in an athletic or music event; or have a class commitment), the student should select another student to serve as their proxy and give that proxy their room draw card to go through the process for that student.
- **If you are serving as a proxy for someone:** you should go through the room draw process as if you were the student you are representing. If you do not receive the card of the person for whom you are a proxy in your SPO, please come to the Residence Life office before noon the day before you are to draw. Students serving as a proxy will go through the process twice; once for the person they are a proxy for and once for themselves.

Commuter Students

Students who live within 30 miles of campus are eligible to live with a legal guardian and commute from their home. Written documentation is required; contact the Residence Life office for more information. The request must be renewed annually. If you are a student eligible for commuter status and choose to participate in room draw, you will be held financially accountable for living on campus. **If you choose to commute after June 1, 2026, and you have drawn for a room, you will be billed for first semester housing in its entirety (not on a prorated basis).**

Study Away Programs

Students planning to participate in an off-campus program in the fall of 2026 (student teaching, Rochester program, social work, internships, and study away programs) are **NOT eligible to participate** in the on-campus room draw process and will need to turn in their card to the Residence Life office. Room space is not reserved for these students on campus. If a student that will be away from campus in the fall participates in room draw, the room selected **will be forfeited** for the remaining student in the space, because it has not been filled to capacity. The remaining roommate will need to find a new roommate to re-enter the room draw process.

Housing Accommodations

Luther College recognizes that some students with disabilities may require housing accommodations. Specific housing has been set aside to assist with meeting accommodation needs and is located in Larsen, Farwell, Towers, and other units, based on certain accommodation criteria. Students must renew housing accommodations annually. Students who have approved accommodations are able to opt out of their accommodation at any time but must sign a waiver within the Residence Life office to forgo their accommodation. For more information on housing accommodations, please visit the [Accessibility Services Housing Accommodations webpage](#) or ask the Residence Life office for further details. Students with approved accommodations will turn in their room draw card when signing up for their housing placement. Accommodation housing placements start March 2, 2026.

Gender-Inclusive Housing

Gender-inclusive housing (GIH) options are located throughout campus. These housing options are for two or more students to share a room regardless of the students' sex or gender. These housing options are for students who may identify as transgender, are more comfortable living with another sex or gender, or do not wish to prescribe to gender classification. Although the College respects the privacy of individuals and will not require students to reveal their reason for opting into GIH, this option is not encouraged for couples in romantic relationships. Gender inclusive options are available in Baker Village, Campus Houses, College Apartments, designated Farwell Clusters, and the ground and first floor of Larsen Hall. If you have any questions about gender- inclusive housing options or the draw processes please stop by the residence life office or email questions to reslife@luther.edu.

HOUSING OPTIONS

Baker Village

Baker Village is designed to give groups of four or six students the opportunity to live together as a peer group in townhouse-style units with either four or six single rooms. Groups may be single gender or co-ed. Meal plans are not required in Baker Village. Applications and guidelines are on the Residence Life website on the Baker Village page. **The application will open on Friday, February 6.** Students must have a yellow or blue room draw card to apply for Baker Village. **The application deadline is noon on Tuesday, February 17.** Room costs for the 2026-27 academic year: \$8,550.

Prairie Houses

The Prairie Houses provide groups of six or seven students the opportunity to live together as a peer group in one of two college-owned houses. Groups may be single gender, co-ed, or gender inclusive. Groups of six must fulfill two single rooms and two double rooms. Meal plans are not required in the Prairie Houses. Applications and guidelines are on the Residence Life website on the Prairie House page. **The application will open on Wednesday, February 18.** Students must have a yellow or blue room draw card to apply for the Prairie Houses. **The Application deadline is noon on Wednesday, February 25.** Room costs for the 2026-27 academic year: Double/Triple rooms \$7350, Single rooms \$8550.

Farwell Gender- Inclusive Cluster

The second-floor center cluster is designated as a Gender- Inclusive Housing cluster. This is a voluntary living environment that allows students to live with each other regardless of how they identify with respect to gender. The cluster is designed for students who identify with and/or support the LGBTQIA+ community, are exploring gender identity/expression, or choose not to be classified based on gender. The cluster consists of three single rooms (these rooms are not designated as medical singles) and five double rooms. This is a room application process. Students can apply for a double room (with a roommate) or single room within the cluster. If the number of applications indicate the need to expand to a second cluster, another cluster can be added if there are enough applications to fill the second cluster to capacity. **Applications are on the Residence Life web page under Farwell Hall and will open on Wednesday, February 18. The application deadline is noon on Monday, March 9.** Room costs for the 2026-27 academic year: Double Room \$6010, Single Room \$7790.

College Apartments with Kitchens (610 Ridge Road)

There are six one-bedroom apartments (with kitchens) available during the draw process. The apartments are double occupancy and designed for rising seniors. Applications may be single gender or gender inclusive. Meal plans are not required in the College Apartments with kitchens. Applications and guidelines are on the Residence Life website on the College Apartments page. **The application will open on Thursday, February 26.** Students must have a yellow or blue room draw card to apply for a College Apartment with a kitchen. **The application deadline is noon on Thursday, March 5.** Room costs for the 2026-27 academic year: \$7350.

Sustainability House

The Luther College Sustainability House is a two-story home located in a residential neighborhood a short walk from campus. The Sustainability House is a co-ed living-learning environment where students who share a dedication to an environmentally, socially, and fiscally sustainable lifestyle reside together. **Applications are on the Residence Life webpage under the Sustainability House and will open on Friday, March 6.** Students may apply for rooms within the house as single gender or gender inclusive. **The application deadline is noon on Monday, March 30.** Room costs for the 2026-27 academic year: Double/Triple/Quad \$7350, Single Rooms \$8550.

Farwell Clusters

The cluster draw gives upper-class students an opportunity to live with a group of their peers in rooms adjacent to each other in Farwell. See more information on page 5 for application requirements. **Applications are on the Residence Life web page under Farwell Hall and will open on Wednesday, March 11. The application deadline is noon on Thursday, April 2.** Room costs for the 2026-27 academic year: Double rooms \$6010, Single Rooms: \$7790.

- North and south clusters on floors 2-7 are available for groups of 13 students.
Six north clusters will be all male (13 students = six doubles and one single room).
Six south clusters will be all female (13 students = six doubles and one single room).
- Up to three center clusters (on floors 3, 4, and 5) could be co-educational by cluster. Co-ed cluster groups include 10 students in five double rooms. The members of each applicant group will decide how many double rooms will have men, women, or be gender inclusive. An RA will occupy one single room. The other three single rooms in the cluster will be used as medical singles for students with approved accommodations.
- **Note:** all students in single rooms that are part of a cluster application will be billed the standard single rate.

Suites (Dieseth and Miller Halls)

The suite draw is designed to give students an opportunity to live with a group of their peers in rooms connected to each other in Dieseth and Miller Halls. See more information on page 5 for application requirements. **Applications are on the Residence Life webpage on the Towers page and will open on Thursday, April 2. The application deadline is noon on Wednesday, April 22.** Room costs for the 2026-27 academic year: Double rooms: \$6010, super single rooms: \$8220.

Dieseth and Miller suites:

- Suites include two double rooms connected by a doorway between the rooms shared by suite-mates.
- Students may apply in groups of two, three, or four of the same gender.
- Two-person Towers suites will be limited based on the number of applications and projected housing numbers for next year.
- Students in 2-person suites will be charged a super single rate of \$8220.
- Students in 3-person suites, 1 person will be charged the super single rate of \$8220, and the 2 remaining will be charged a double room rate of \$6010.
- Students in 4-person suites will be charged a double room rate of \$6010.
- For students in 2-person or 3-person suites, we will store the additional bed(s) but the remaining furniture must remain in the room with **no exceptions.**
- Two suites are located on each floor (rooms 04-06 and 03-05).

Room Rates for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

Room rates for Dieseth, Farwell, Larsen, and Miller Halls:

Triple - \$5640, Double - \$6010, Standard Single - \$7790, and Super Single - \$8220.

Super Single Rooms

The super single room draw is designed to give upper-class students an opportunity to live in their own room. See more information on page 6 for application requirements. **The application can be found on the Residence Life website on the Room Draw page and will open on Wednesday, March 11. The application deadline is noon on Monday, April 13.** Room costs for the 2026-27 academic year: Super Single Room \$8220.

- A "super single" is a traditional (two-person, double) room contracted to **one** person as a single room.
- Students living in a super single room will be charged a super single room rate.
- We will store the additional bed, but the remaining furniture must remain in the room (no exceptions).
- Up to seven super singles will be offered to women in Dieseth or Miller.
- Up to seven super singles will be offered to men in Dieseth or Miller.
- Additional super single rooms will be added in Farwell Hall and Larsen Hall based on available space.
- Many students apply for this option and the number of rooms is limited.

Triple Rooms

The triple room draw is designed to give students an opportunity to live together with two of their friends in one room. **Applications can be found on the Residence Life website on the Room Draw page and will open on Wednesday, March 11.** See more information on page 6 for application requirements. **The application deadline is noon on Monday, April 13.** Room costs for the 2026-2027 academic year: \$5640.

- Triple rooms are available in Larsen Hall.
- Two triple rooms in Larsen are available for women.
- One triple room in Larsen is available for gender inclusive.

College Apartments without Kitchens

College apartments without kitchens allow two or three students to live together in an apartment-type setting. All apartments contain one bedroom, a private restroom, and a small living room. These apartments do not have kitchens; therefore, a meal plan is required. Applications and guidelines are on the Residence Life website on the Room Draw page. **Applications will open on Wednesday, March 11. The application deadline is noon on Monday, April 13.** Room costs for the 2026-2027 academic year: Double Apartment \$6010, Triple Apartment \$5640.

- Ten college apartments without kitchens are available during the room draw process.

- Groups may apply as single gender or gender inclusive.

Standard Double Rooms

- Double rooms are available in Dieseth, Farwell, Larsen, and Miller Hall.
- All double rooms during this draw process will be single gender except for ground floor Larsen Hall which will be gender inclusive by room.
- Rooms are selected on **Sunday, May 3** in the Mott/Borlaug rooms located in the Dahl Centennial Union.
- See below for the draw process instructions and view page 7 for more information on double room draw.

DRAW PROCESS

Room Draw Cards

- Students will be assigned a computer-generated number based on the year they entered Luther College. For transfer students, it is based on the number of transfer credit hours and their college start date. Computer-generated numbers were computed in a random order by class. Some lucky student will get the draw number one assigned randomly to upperclass students; and someone will be assigned the draw number two, etc.
- Eligible students will receive a room draw card in their SPO in February. Cards contain the student name, room draw number assigned to the student, and other room draw information. If you lose your room draw card, contact the Residence Life office immediately; your ID is required to get another card.
- **You must bring your card and the cards of all roommates to room draw in order to participate.** Group representatives must be in possession of all of the roommates' room draw cards in order to select rooms.

Farwell Cluster Application Requirements

- The application must be completely filled out by the cluster group representative. All communications from the residence life office will go to the group representative.
- Applications include:
 - 10 students for Farwell co-ed clusters; or**
 - 13 students for Farwell single-gender clusters**
- Applicants are allowed to put their names on **ONLY ONE** cluster application.
- Applications are due by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2; no late applications will be accepted.
- Room draw numbers of each person on the application will be added together and averaged by the number of applicants in the group. Group averages will be placed in rank order from lowest to highest; the lowest averages for each housing option will be selected. Averages will be calculated to two decimal places. In the event of a tie, group representatives will draw numbers from a hat.
- Application averages will be ranked and posted in the Residence Life office window by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, so students will know if their group was successful in obtaining a cluster. Group representatives will receive an email if their group has received a Farwell cluster or if the group should continue with the next step in the room draw process.
- Room and floor layouts will be emailed to group representatives for student groups to choose their rooms. Group representatives will select clusters at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, in the Residence Life office. Representatives must bring room draw cards for every student on their application and the completed floor layout designating which applicant(s) will reside in which room(s) to the residence life office the day following the meeting. Room choices are binding. **Students will be charged \$200.00 for room changes after the April 8 selection date.**

Towers Suite Application Requirements

- The application must be completely filled out by the group representative.
- Applications include: 2, 3, or 4 students.
- Applicants are allowed to put their names on **ONLY ONE** suite application.
- Applications are due by noon on Wednesday, April 22; no late applications will be accepted.
- Room draw numbers of each person on the application will be added together and averaged by the number of applicants in the group. Group averages will be placed in rank order from lowest to highest; the lowest averages for each housing option will be selected. Averages will be calculated to two decimal places. In the event of a tie, group representatives will draw numbers from a hat.

- Two-person Towers suites will be limited based on the number of applications and projected housing numbers for next year. The remaining suites will go to three- and four-person applications.
- Application averages will be ranked and posted in the Residence Life office window on Thursday, April 23 by 4:00 pm, so students will know if their group was successful in obtaining a suite. Group representatives will also receive an email if their group has received a suite or if the group should continue with the next step in the room draw process.
- Room and floor layouts will be emailed to selected group representatives for student groups to choose their rooms. Group representatives will select their suite on Sunday, April 26, at 4:00 p.m. Representatives must bring room draw cards for every student on their application and the completed room and floor layout designating which applicant(s) will reside in which room(s) to the draw in Mott/Borlaug Rooms. Room choices are binding. **Students will be charged \$200.00 for room changes after the April 26 selection date.**

Super Singles Application Requirements

- Applications are due by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13. No late applications will be accepted.
- Room draw numbers for each applicant will be placed in rank order from lowest to highest; the lowest numbers will be selected.
- Applications will be ranked and posted in the Residence Life office window on Tuesday, April 14 by 4:00, so students will know if their application was successful in obtaining a super single room. Individuals that applied will also receive an email if they were successful in obtaining a super single room or if they should continue with the general double room draw process.
- Approved applicants will meet on Sunday, April 26, at 5:00 p.m. in the hallway in front of the Residence Life Office (main floor student union) to select their room. Applicants must bring their room draw card and room choices are binding.
- Many students apply for super single rooms but the amount of rooms offered are limited so not everyone that applies will get a super single room. It is a very competitive process.
- If you are unable to obtain a super single, you should find a roommate and continue through the double room draw process. Email reslife@luther.edu if you would like to be added to our list of students looking for roommates.

Triple Room Application Requirements

- Applications are due by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13; no late applications will be accepted.
- Room draw numbers of each person on the application will be added together and averaged by the number of applicants in the group. Group averages will be placed in rank order from lowest to highest; the lowest averages for each housing option will be selected. Averages will be calculated to two decimal places. In the event of a tie, group representatives will draw numbers from a hat.
- Application averages will be ranked and emailed to group representatives on Tuesday, April 14 by 4:00. Students who do not receive a triple room should continue with the general room draw process.
- Group representatives will be sent emails in draw order to select their triple room. Representatives must bring room draw cards for every student on their application to the Residence Life Office the following day. Room choices are binding.

College Apartment without Kitchen Requirements

- Applications are due by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13; no late applications will be accepted.
- Students may only put their name on one College Apartment without Kitchen application.
- Room draw numbers of each person on the application will be added together and averaged by the number of applicants in the group. Group averages will be placed in rank order from lowest to highest; the lowest averages for each housing option will be selected. Averages will be calculated to two decimal places. In the event of a tie, group representatives will draw numbers from a hat.
- Application averages will be ranked and emailed to group representatives on Tuesday, April 14 by 4:00. Students who do not receive an apartment should continue with the general room draw process.
- Apartment and floor layouts will be emailed to selected group representatives to choose their apartments. Group representatives will select their apartment on Sunday, April 26, at 5:00 p.m in the chairs outside of Oneota

Market. Representatives must bring room draw cards for each student on their application. Room choices are binding.

Double Room Draw Process:

- Students that would like to live together in a double room will average their room draw numbers and attend the room draw selection during the time their average number falls (Example: Mario has a room draw number of 400 and Luigi has a room draw number of 500; the average of the two room draw numbers is 450; therefore, Mario and Luigi should attend room draw at 2:30 p.m. (see times below).
- Students will begin the process in the seating area outside of Oneota Market. The actual draw will occur in the Mott/Borlaug Rooms.
- The student representing the roommate pair must have both room draw cards in order to select a room. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your draw time to the seating outside of Oneota Market and take a seat. Announcements will be made every 30 minutes to line up according to averages. We will not go ahead of schedule, nor will we wait for students arriving late.
- Floor charts will be available in Mott during the room draw selection process for students to view while they wait for their selection time. Students will be able to see which rooms have been selected and which rooms are still available.

Double Room Draw Dates and Times:

Sunday, May 3

Roommates with averages between **1-350**
Roommates with averages between **351-500**
Roommates with averages between **501-650**
Roommates with averages between **651-750**
Roommates with averages between **751-850**
Roommates with averages between **851-950**
Roommates with averages between **951 and above**

Room Selection Times

2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS

Off-Campus Housing

Luther College is a residential college; students should plan to live on campus for the entire time they are enrolled as a student. College policy states: "All full-time students are required to live in college-owned housing unless married, 25 years of age by the first day of classes, or commuting from their legal guardians' homes within 30 miles of campus. Off-campus living is limited and is permitted only when there is a shortage of rooms in college residence halls. Students must receive written permission to live off campus." The number of students approved to live off campus will vary depending on projected enrollment for the fall semester. Due to projected enrollment numbers, we do not anticipate a shortage of beds on campus. Therefore, only the students who meet the above qualifications and fill out the proper paperwork will be approved to live off campus.

Please note: Ninth-semester seniors are approved to live off campus after completing the Off-Campus Approval Form in the Residence Life Office. They will also need to turn in their room draw card to the Residence Life Office once the paperwork is approved.

Married Student and Family Apartments (604 Ridge Road)

There are a limited number of College Apartments for married students located at 604 Ridge Road. Apartments are issued first-come, first-served with priority going to returning occupants who are married and/or have children. Contact the Residence Life office to request an apartment.