

Monroe Hall Homesteading Process:
2013 - 2014

Monroe Hall Homesteading – Historic and Unprecedented:

Students who presently live in Monroe Hall will be offered the opportunity to Homestead (that is, to live in Monroe again for 2013 – 2014). This type of opportunity is unprecedented. When we designated Erie Hall as a Spring Transfer Housing Experience community in Spring 2008, Erie students were not allowed to Homestead for the following year, and they felt shortchanged and devalued as a result. We are committed to mid-year transfer students, and we understand that transitioning mid-year can be difficult. This is why we decided to permit current Monroe residents to Homestead.

Since 80 spaces in Monroe are already reserved for first-year student Living Learning Communities, however, not all Monroe residents will be able to Homestead for 2013 - 2014. This means that some Monroe residents will need to live in a different residence hall. A detailed description of the Monroe Hall Homesteading process, including an explanation of how interested students will be selected for Homesteading, follows.

1. Any current Monroe Hall resident will be given the opportunity to indicate their interest in Homesteading for 2013 – 2014 by completing a short Google survey. This survey will simply prompt students for their first and last name as well as whether or not they would want to live in Monroe again next year. (The latter is a “Yes/No” question.) These surveys must be submitted by **Friday, March 15**. We will assume that students who neglect to complete the survey are not interested in returning to the Monroe community next year.
2. From the survey entries which indicate a desire to return to Monroe, **38** entries will be randomly selected using Microsoft Excel. (45% - 50% of those selected will be male students; 50% - 55% of those selected will be female students.) These randomly chosen 38 students will be **guaranteed** a space in Monroe for 2013 – 2014 through the Homesteading process, should they choose to accept our offer to Homestead. All other students will be placed on a Monroe Homesteading waiting list, in random order.
3. The 38 students will be asked to confirm their desire to Homestead in Monroe through a separate survey. The survey will also prompt students to provide the name of their roommate. This roommate can be any student who has paid a housing deposit, not just another current Monroe resident.
4. The Assistant Director of Residence Life will then add the 38 students and their roommates, if applicable, to the Monroe Hall Homesteading Lottery in Symplicity Residence. Students should be able to form their own roommate pairings in Symplicity; in the event that this proves to be challenging for students, the Assistant Director or a designee will form pairings on behalf of students in accordance with roommates named in confirmation surveys.

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5. After students are entered into the Monroe Hall Homesteading Lottery, Housing Selection times for individuals or pairings will be determined using academic credit hours earned (including transfer credits) as a parameter.
6. We will be treating all rooms in Monroe as standard double rooms. Students will not usually be permitted to Homestead in hallway suites as a 6-person group. If a group of 6 students wishes to live in a hallway suite together, they can petition the Assistant Director of Residence Life for special permission to live in this space.
7. Designed single rooms in Monroe will be available only for students with documented medical needs. Students who feel that they qualify for medical single accommodations should contact Dr. Tabitha Buggie-Hunt, the Assistant Dean for Disability Services.