

FAMILY HOUSING

Thomas Jefferson University- Department of Housing and Residence Life

On campus family housing is available in the Barringer and Orlowitz apartment-style residence halls. Family housing is reserved for individuals who are, at the time of move-in, full-time TJU undergraduate students, graduate students, or affiliated postdoctoral appointees, and their spouses, same-sex domestic partners, and minor children.

Eligible housing applicants are assigned by date and time of receipt of application and priority status in effect. Applicants with minor dependents, regardless of priority status and/or date and time of receipt of application, are given preference for apartments. First year students¹ are guaranteed University housing if: 1) applications are received in the Housing Office by May 31, 2) official acceptance to TJU for a fall or pre-fall term is received by May 31 and, 3) applicants have first priority status. Postdoctoral appointees have the lowest priority ²

Eligible applicants who are interested in family housing should submit one or more of the following forms of documentation prior to move-in.

- **Certificate of marriage or civil union**
- **Declaration of domestic partnership from a municipality or government entity***
- **Birth Certificate of each minor dependent**

*If you are in a same-sex domestic partnership and are unable to provide a certificate of marriage, civil union, or a declaration of domestic partnership, you and your domestic partner must provide supporting documentation to attest to your eligibility.

1. In order to be eligible, domestic partners must demonstrate that they: are not married to anyone, are not related by blood, are both 18 years of age, are each other's sole domestic partner and are mutually responsible for each other's welfare and share financial obligations.
2. Domestic partners may demonstrate joint responsibility for each other's common welfare and shared financial obligations by the existence of three (3) of the following items.
 - Joint mortgage, lease, or driver's license listing a common address
 - Designation of domestic partner as beneficiary for life insurance
 - Designation of domestic partner as beneficiary for retirement contract
 - Designation of domestic partner as primary beneficiary in eligible TJU Resident's will or of eligible TJU Resident in domestic partners will
 - Assignment of durable property and healthcare powers of attorney
 - Joint ownership of a motor vehicle
 - Joint bank or credit account

All three forms of documentation submitted to verify your domestic partnership must be dated and at least six months old.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding proof of a marriage license, domestic partnership or birth certificate please contact the Housing Office at (215) 955-8913 or by e-mail at university.housing@jefferson.edu.

¹ Eligible students maintain full-time status in Jefferson Medical College, Jefferson School of Health Professions, Jefferson School of Nursing, Jefferson School of Pharmacy, Jefferson School of Population Health, or Jefferson Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

² Guaranteed housing does not guarantee that an applicant will receive his/her preference of building, size, number of roommates, renovation status and/or occupancy date.