

MomsHOOpray Housing Tips 2018-2019

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:5-6***

Application Dates for 2018-2019 Housing:

<http://housing.virginia.edu/returning-application>

Upperclass Housing: Frequently Asked Questions:

http://housing.virginia.edu/faq?faq_id=upperclass#faq_29

The Center for Christian Study can be a great resource for Christian housing opportunities. Stephen's best housing situation was with Chi Alpha. At the time he was there, Chi Alpha was the largest Christian community with over 700 students. There are quite a few **Chi Alpha houses**. Consider touching base with that group to determine which houses have available rooms. They have quite a few group homes that are shared. Stephen's house was rundown (I donated smoke alarms for all of the rooms!), but living with other Christian men strongly influenced him. :) **MaryAnn Lastova - momHOO' 2014-2015**

From the Center for Christian Study: UVA students tend to make their housing decisions for the following school year during the fall semester – as early as September but typically in October or November (yes, we think that's early too!). **There are lots of good options for Christian students looking to live with Christian friends, and our recommendation is to talk with a campus minister or older Christian student about specific recommendations.** Costs vary widely depending on the location and condition of the house/apartment, from \$250/month to \$1000/month for rent (that we know of). We advise students to show patience when committing to a housing situation – there is often pressure (from landlords or other students) to sign a lease quickly, but there are more good options than students realize and being careful about who you live with is generally a wise decision. If a student feels left out in the housing process, there are good resources within the Christian fellowships for finding a house with other believers or you can also peruse the **"UVA Christians Class of ____"** **Facebook** page to see if there are any listings there. We should also mention that the Study Center hosts a residential program for 2nd-4th-year students, with applications accepted during the fall semester, and we encourage Christian students to consider that option.

More information can be found at <https://www.studycenter.net/ERSP> – and students who are interested can contact Katie Hightower (katie@studycenter.net) or Ethan Hightower (ethan@studycenter.net), our Directors of Undergraduate Ministries. Additional clarification: The costs listed are monthly rent, and the higher ones (up to \$1000) tend to be single (living alone) or double apartments in the newest places. The average near the Study Center is probably \$500-600/month, while closer to the Stadium tends to be \$300-400. We talked

about Lambeth but recent student experience has not shown that is the best place to find Christian household community. It is a common choice though, so probably would be worth mentioning - UVA provides better information on it than we could: <https://housing.virginia.edu/area/1171>

Lambeth Apartments are a great option for second years. They are on-campus housing paid directly through UVA and include all utilities, Internet, etc. Margaret lived there last year with a group of 4 girls and it worked out well. They had a 3rd floor corner apartment with lofted ceilings, fully furnished, 2 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms. It was clean and there were no problems with rodents or bugs. Maintenance issues were handled immediately and parking is very easy and plentiful in the apartment lot. Applications are not due until March and you don't have to sign a 12 month lease.

Con: The location is a bit far out between Arts Grounds and the basketball arena.

Heidi Veldman - momHOO' 2019

Holly lived in **Greenhouse**. Great apt with 4 rooms. Expensive, but close to the school and lots of second years. CBS greenhouse <http://www.cbsrentals.com/greenhouse.cfm>

Karen Dodd - momHOO' 2016

Of course there is the **Elzinga Residential Scholars program and Lambeth**. Lambeth wasn't first choice for Ronnie but it meant there was no need to come up with furniture second year. My boys lived at the **Octagon and the Pound**. They loved being in a house with several other believers in that area. The Octagon needs serious repairs but I just tried to ignore that and love those lovable guys. Obviously, the more expensive options tend to be in better shape. I wonder too if some students might prefer a private room but in a dorm with friends. That could be another option to consider for people who don't feel ready to commit to room with new friends but would like to live near each other. *Nancy Rooker - momHOO' 2014, 2016*

Claire lived in **Lambeth** 2nd year. She LOVED it in the beginning—"all" the 2nd year inter varsity students lived there, and socializing was easy. There even was an IV potluck between Lambeth apartments. It was close to everything, including the Christian Study Center, where she was spending increasing amounts of time. But by the end of 2nd year, she was tired of it, really for the same reasons she had loved it before—there was just too much homogeneity, and she was eager for something that felt more off campus. We did learn that if you want to apply to live at Lambeth, especially if you have a group you are applying with, you need to apply EARLY. If you apply late (after Christmas), there likely will not be room for you. Friends who applied late were sent to live over by the law school...I don't remember the names of those dorms. Parking at Lambeth was easy.

Fourth year she lived in **Jack Jouett apartments**, on University Circle (I think, or University Drive, or something like that...this is just above Lambeth field). These are great apartments, so well situated, with hardwood floors and working fireplaces. Again, she applied early and

was in line to select her apartment the day they took people off the wait list, which was not really a wait list but a sign up list. She loved living in Jack Jouette. For parking, again, we were EARLY in arranging parking in the gravel lot across the street from Jack Jouette; spots are available for rental from one of the local apartment rental agencies (but not the one that leases Jack Jouette) **Margaret Cundiff - momHOO' 2014**

From our 2015 Housing Tips:

Consider these questions before signing any lease:

1. Are the other prospective roommates believers? We have had people sometimes start to make groups from their hallways early on as they hear people talking and with "only a month of getting to know them" it might sound great but it has only been a month.
2. Recommend that if they have gotten involved in a fellowship (InterVarsity, CRU, RUF, Chi Alpha, etc) that INSTEAD of grabbing the first group they see on their hall that they talk to the upperclassmen at their Christian group for suggestions on group houses, etc. Most of the fellowships have groups houses that pass on through the years and take 2nd, 3rd or 4th years in as they have room. That will enhance the community aspect of their Christian experience.
3. For guys there are the same "fellowship of Christians" opportunities with others in the specific fellowship to which they have decided to get involved.
4. We strongly recommend that they room with people from their church or fellowship to try to reduce unforeseen awkwardness from different values, priorities, etc.
5. Having said that they should visit the HOUSING OFFICE in Newcomb for guidance on leases, roommate agreements, etc. The office has a housing fair parents weekend (may be earlier but you can call them and check) in which lots of rental companies advertise things for next year. The parents committee at UVA and the housing office is trying to get students to DELAY in committing to try to make it more of a "renters market" rather than driven by first month panic. There are even students who wait until second semester until after the on grounds housing lottery is over and have still found places to rent.
6. We strongly recommend they talk to people in their fellowships, however, or others they have met at church **Trudi Hays - momHOO' 2015**

(details on Elzinga Program from Nikki Flannery - Center for Christian Study - below)

The **Yellow House is part of the Elzinga Residential Scholars Program**. 12 girls live in the house next door to the Study Center, while the boys live in the Study Center basement

apartment. The program guides students through a year of living and worshiping with other Christians, learning from Scripture, and applying the Christian faith to all areas of life. This is implemented through Thursday night dinners, Thursday night seminary course and discussion, retreats, mentorship program, and house meetings. More information can be found at <https://www.studycenter.net/ERSP>. Some great folks to contact about this would be Ethan Hightower (ethan@studycenter.net) for the guys, and Katie Hightower (katie@studycenter.net) for the girls. **Nikki Flannery - Center for Christian Study**

The White House is a house at the end of Chancellor Street that holds 15 second year girls. Information typically gets out by word of mouth through various Christian fellowships. Interested girls submit their names to a drawing, and names are then selected at random.

Chancellor!! Find out from the IV guys if there are openings in their duplex right behind the Stud. They have intentionally tried to lease all those apts behind the Stud (which serves as their living room half the time.) It was an amazing group of guys for Sam all 3 years. They try to fill it year to year with more Christian guys of all years so they can have an intentional "mentor type" environment. They use to try to have a meal together each week. Also there are options for single rooms or shared rooms. They break down the rent by square footage (sort of). **Susan Speers - momHOO' 2014**

Consider applying to become an Elzinga Scholar. These students commit to living in intentional community (a weekly meal with one another and the staff, serving for Study Center events, being disciplined by one of the Stud staff members, and auditing a theology class together taught by a Study Center staff member). I would HIGHLY recommend that Christian students consider doing this for one year. It was an incredible growth experience for Kathryne. **Debbie Appleby - momHOO' 2014**

Jenna and five others lived in **Lambeth**, on campus apartments leased through UVA, their second year. It is owned by UVA like the dorms, but is apartment style living. They pay the university directly. The apartment is furnished like a dorm and they are committed for the school year only (not through the summer). This was a great second year option!

Bonnie Weida - momHOO' 2016

Will also lived in **Lambeth** with 5 roommates. There are many other momHOO' students from Class of 2014 who lived in Lambeth. The good news is Lambeth has a longer application window, so if your HOO is unsure, they have some time. **Kathy Burleson - momHOO' 2014**

