

## Private Off-campus Interest Form

### Acknowledgements

I understand and agree to the following statements;

- Being fully eligible for the Private Off Campus process and confirming your interest through this application is **NOT THE SAME AS** being RELEASED to pursue Private Off Campus housing.
- Electronically signing this acknowledgement and continuing with the application allows me to continue in the Private Off Campus process but **DOES NOT MEAN** that I have been RELEASED to sign a private off-campus lease.
- Signing a private off-campus lease **BEFORE** I am released may mean I am responsible to both my landlord and Lafayette College for payment and I may also be charged through the Lafayette College Student Code of Conduct.
- If I am released by the Office of Residence Life, and then progress by confirming my roommates and signing the Private Off-Campus Agreement, I may not be able to enter any other housing process (eg: lottery processes, rosters, application processes, etc.) for on-campus or off-campus College housing this academic year.
- Students may request to re-enter college housing processes after being released **ONLY IF** they communicate prior to their established deadline with the Director of Residence Life or Assistant Director of Residence Life in writing about being unable to find or secure a space to rent.
- Failure to secure a Private Off Campus lease **or** communicate with Residence Life professional staff in writing by the deadline given after being RELEASED will mean that I am housed through the Waitlist process over the summer after all other housing selection and lottery events are complete.
- **You can do the following to prepare for the possibility of being RELEASED:**
  - o Solidify potential roommates (you may select up to 2 roommates)
  - o Confirm that each of your intended roommates is fully eligible for POC
  - o Speak with your parents or families about living in private off-campus housing (extra costs and extra responsibilities, the possibility of a credit check, requirements for a potential co-signer, deposits, etc.)
  - o Review the private off-campus information on our website
  - o Speak to current POC students about their relationships with landlords and neighbors

o If you elect to speak with possible landlords about their properties, **PLEASE LET THEM KNOW YOU CAN'T SIGN A LEASE YET!**

- A list of landlords who have rented to our students in the past is available on our website. You are not limited to this list nor does the College endorse these landlords. The College highly suggests that you ask for references and talk to former tenants.
- Students pursuing Private Off-Campus Housing are welcome and encouraged to look at rentals and speak to potential landlords outside of College Hill (elsewhere in Easton, Forks Township, Wilson Borough, etc.).

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