Island Harbor
HOUSING
AND
MEAL PLANS
The student will need to print out a housing application from the Islander Housing website and write on it that they are in the SIL program. Select the HPO option so that SIL funds can be automatically be used to cover the cost of housing.

The paper application is available on the Miramar and Momentum Village websites. The student will sign into the StarRez portal, to access the paper application. Print out, complete and mail, email or drop-off the application.

If you need to log-in to the portal to complete an online application, to view your application online, or make changes to your application online please note the following: when you log in to the portal, even after completing the application, you will have to click Application and select the year and community before you can progress to the next page. It seems rather redundant, but it is possible for students to have an active application or lease for the current year and the upcoming year; this lets students pick the right academic year to view. You should then see a screen with a few dots at the top, like HPO and Resident Profile.
The placement form/letter from DFPS should be included with the student’s application. The Foster Care Liaison can also send the approval form directly to Islander Housing.

The Housing application fee and deposit cannot be waived but the application fee can be billed to the student’s housing account so that SIL funds can be allocated to cover the cost.

If a guarantor is available, the student will need to have the guarantor complete and submit a guarantor’s agreement. If one is not available, the SIL approval letter can be used in place of the guarantor’s agreement. A guarantor is financially responsible for a student’s housing costs should the student fail to make payment.
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In order to have SIL funding cover the entire cost of housing and still have money left over for a meal plan, the housing application should be submitted with the following preferences:

If the student wishes to live in Miramar:
The 1 bedroom/2 students
OR
The shared housing

Both of these options will come with a required meal plan.

If the student wishes to live in Momentum:
The first choice needs to be the 4 bed/4 bath apartment
The second choice needs to be the 4 bed/4.5 bath townhome

Momentum does not come with a required meal plan, although we strongly encourage it for the first two semesters a student is on campus.
TAMU-CC contracts with an independent housing management company to provide rooms and apartments on the TAMU-CC campus. Island Harbor students will sign a standard resident lease, which allows residents to live in their on-campus room through holidays, spring break, Thanksgiving break and winter break.

At Miramar, all residents wishing to stay through the summer need to sign separate leases for the academic year and summer. Summer is defined as the day after move-out at the end of the Spring semester through the move-in date at the start of the Fall semester. There is no additional fee involved with this process.

Momentum Village leases end on July 31 and can be extended through the start of the Fall semester, if needed, by the resident. To extend the lease, the student will need to contact the Momentum Village office and notify the staff that the student will be staying in residence from July 31 to the beginning of the Fall semester.

If, after signing a lease, the student wishes to change living environments, the student must submit a room transfer request and pay applicable fees. The student will then select housing from the available options. If the student is changing apartments or moving from one Islander housing location to the other, the student must contact the DFPS caseworker so the caseworker can update the records in their system.
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Islander Housing includes:
   - cable
   - high-speed internet
   - water
   - sewer
   - trash
   - electricity
   - mail service and
   - laundry

in the monthly rent. At Momentum Village, electricity allowances range between $30- $40 a month, dependent upon the floor plan. Should the apartment incur an electric bill above the cap, the overage will be equally split between all current roommates and be billed on a monthly basis. Miramar does not have a monthly cap and residents are not subject to monthly electric bills.
All Islander Housing has both full-time professional staff and student workers (resident assistants) available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist with urgent student needs. After hours staff and the University Police Department are available for emergency situations. Please see the following link for more information: http://housing.tamucc.edu/staff.html

In the event of a fire or medical emergency, residents should call the University Police Department immediately at 361.825.4444.

Islander Housing conducts fire drills each semester, so all residents are aware of how to quickly evacuate the building.

In the event of a power, water or other utility outage, Islander Housing or the University will contact the residents with instructions and/or additional information.

Should residents need to evacuate Islander Housing due to an emergency, such as a natural disaster/hurricane, TAMU-CC will provide evacuation instructions. The University will evacuate residents who are unable to evacuate campus on their own at no cost to the resident. Please see the following link for more information: http://housing.tamucc.edu/hurricanes.html
In the event there is concern about a resident’s well-being, Housing may check the room of that resident to see if he/she is home or if it appears he/she has been in the unit.

Housing may also speak with roommate(s) and neighbors to see if they have seen the resident in question.

If they are unable to locate the resident or obtain any information regarding his/her whereabouts, Housing notifies UPD that they have reason to be believe there is a missing student.

UPD will review the available information and attempt to contact the student and his/her emergency contacts.

If a student fails to check in once a week and/or the Anchor team is unable to contact or locate the student, the Anchor team will call for a wellness check through Housing or UPD.
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Should there be an issue between a student and his/her roommate(s), the residents should first attempt to resolve the issue themselves by communicating their concerns calmly and constructively.

If that does not work, students should contact their RA to conduct a roommate meeting and complete a roommate contract. During the meeting, and in the contract, the roommates agree on areas of concern (i.e. set cleaning schedule/expectations, noise levels, etc.).

If the issue is not resolved, or if a roommate’s behavior escalates to a Student Code of Conduct violation (such as harassment or bullying), then the professional staff will get involved and determine the best course of action. Any behavior that is a Student Code of Conduct violation will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

Should any resident engage in disturbing the other residents, RAs and/or professional staff will meet with the student causing the problem and make appropriate referrals to the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards, I-CARE and/or the Counseling Center. In certain situations, UPD may be called.
If a student is in violation of housing rules (i.e. alcohol or drugs in housing), then they are in violation of the Student Code of Conduct. These students are referred to the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards. The University Police Department is called for incidents currently happening or for allegations of illegal activity. A Student Conduct Officer reviews all reports and, if deemed appropriate, will initiate the Student Conduct process.
STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Students are expected to understand and follow the entirety of the Student Code of Conduct at all times. The Student Code of Conduct can be found at: https://judicialaffairs.tamucc.edu/studentcofc.html

Every student at TAMUCC agrees to adhere to the following pledge:
It is a privilege to be a member of the community of scholars of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.
As an Islander, I pledge to:
Strive for personal and intellectual growth and excellence
Demonstrate integrity and accountability
Lead with Courage and innovation
Exhibit pride in my university and its traditions
Embrace our unique identities and
Commit to life-long learning.
With these values held true, we are ISLANDERS!

A copy of the Islander Pledge can be found at:
http://studentconduct.tamucc.edu/IslanderPledge/index.html
If it becomes necessary to evict a resident, the process as outlined in the Texas Property Code Title 4, Chapter 24 is followed.

The eviction process must follow very specific steps and the resident is provided information about each step in the process.

Students are most commonly evicted for failure to pay rent, violence or threats of violence in housing. The latter is normally only decided by the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards, unless the resident poses an immediate threat of harm to others.

For non-payment issues, housing management will contact the resident to determine how to best proceed. If payment is expected from SIL but behind for some reason, they will request documentation stating such from an appropriate employee/case worker. Normally, if the resident is in regular communication with the bookkeeper about payment, the process can be delayed as long as progress is being made to obtain payment.
MEAL PLANS

Meal plans are required for residents at Miramar and they are optional for residents at Momentum Village. The Anchor team strongly encourages all Island Harbor students to have a meal plan in place for the first two semesters, until the student demonstrates the ability to manage time and finances wisely.

Miramar resident meal plan minimum requirements are based on the type of floor plan a resident lives in. Residence hall residents must at least purchase a Gold meal plan. Apartment residents must at least purchase a Silver meal plan.

Residents may upgrade or add to their meal plan. Information regarding meal plans can be found on the TAMU-CC website at the following link: https://mysanddollars.tamucc.edu/common/local_mealplans.php

Residential meal plans begin at brunch on Sunday and end at dinner on Saturday of each week. Unused residential dining dollars roll over to the next semester during the academic year with purchase of a new residential plan. All unused dining dollars expire at the end of the spring semester. The meals associated with these meal plans must be used each week, as they do not roll to the next week.
The meal plans offer daily vegan, vegetarian, dairy free and gluten free options. In addition, the dining hall staff encourage students to discuss their dietary restrictions with them. Students will use their Sanddollar$ student ID card to gain access to the dining facilities on campus. Meal plans will be preloaded on the Sanddollar$ card; students will use this card similar to a debit card to purchase meals.

The student will work with the Foster Care Liaison to plan for those times of the year when the dining facilities on campus will be closed. Student housing has options for the preparation of meals. This time will offer an opportunity to discuss budget, grocery shopping and meal planning with the student. In addition, TAMU-CC operates a student only food pantry located in the University Center.