

**The University of Akron**  
**Department of Residence Life and Housing**  
**Gender-Inclusive Housing (GIH) Agreement**

Sex-segregated housing may not be the best option for some students; to meet this need, the Department of Residence Life and Housing offers the option of gender-inclusive housing.

Students who complete the agreement below will have the opportunity to select a room with a roommate who is not of the same legal sex. Gender-Inclusive Housing (GIH) spaces have been identified in a variety of buildings on campus in which the room or apartment spaces offer a private bathroom. **GIH spaces are not intended for students who are in a romantic relationship.**

### **Expectations**

As a student selecting to live in GIH, I agree to the following terms and conditions that are listed below. Please check each box and e-sign the form below.

I understand that GIH is not intended for students who are in a romantic relationship

I understand that:

(1) GIH is defined as a housing option in which two or more students share a multiple-occupancy apartment or room, in mutual agreement, regardless of the students' sex assigned at birth, gender identity, and gender expression and

(2) That the intent of this agreement is to give students the option to reside with another person of a different gender or sex in order to provide a welcoming living environment, and

(3) Creates a space where residents, regardless of where they are at in discovering and developing their identities, can live without being restricted to a same-sex roommate. While this policy gives transgender residents, in particular, a variety of options to live comfortably in their space, GIH is open to any resident that feels more comfortable living with a roommate of a different sex.

I understand that if I exhibit behavior that is contrary to the spirit of this agreement, I may be relocated to a different housing assignment on campus.

If my roommate(s) cancel their housing contract or moves out of the room for any reason, the Department of Residence Life and Housing will attempt to fill the vacancy from a list of students that have also completed this agreement.

The Department of Residence Life and Housing has the right to consolidate spaces as needed.

Students who do not identify a roommate in their roommate group will select a room from spaces designated for the GIH community and based solely on the responses to the roommate questionnaire. Students who do not select their own room will be manually assigned to spaces within the GIH community.

Students assigned to GIH may cancel their contract or request a room change to another assigned gender-inclusive space or same-sex space. All assignment and cancellation procedures, deadlines, and associated charges (as stated in the Housing Contract) apply to these requests. Requests for room changes are always based on housing availability.

I understand that if my housing assignment and/or housing option availability is not meeting my specific need, I will communicate directly with the Department of Residence Life and Housing.

It is the student's choice to communicate with parents or family members about the decision to live in a gender-inclusive housing option. The Department of Residence Life and Housing encourages this conversation between parents or family members and students about the housing choice so that they can be in support of the student's decision. In compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Department does not disclose whether a student is living in GIH spaces