Housing

We strongly recommend that you wait until after you arrive to make your housing arrangements.

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- CARA is South Dakota Mines Center for Alumni Relations & Advancement

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For more information on finding an apartment off campus, visit the Residence Life Off Campus Living: Search Engine. For Rental Agencies, visit here: [https://sdmines.sdsmt.edu/cgi-bin/global/tech_view_rl_offcampus_external.cgi](https://sdmines.sdsmt.edu/cgi-bin/global/tech_view_rl_offcampus_external.cgi)

Students attending South Dakota Mines often live in apartments so that costs can be shared. The apartments range in size from efficiency (a one-room apartment) to four-bedroom apartments or rental houses. An efficiency apartment will cost around $500-$700 per month; a four-bedroom house will cost approximately $1500-$2000 for one month of rent. These amounts do NOT include the additional costs for utilities.

An advance deposit of one or two months of rent is usually required when obtaining an apartment. Admitted students should arrive in Rapid City one to two weeks before classes begin to find satisfactory off-campus housing.

Costs of living can be significantly higher or lower in certain areas. The cost of living in Rapid City is 6% lower than the national average in the United States (as of February 2023). Visit Payscale.com for Rapid City. Living with another student can help decrease your living costs and save you money.

Apartments and rental houses require a security deposit. A security deposit is a one-time sum of money that a tenant pays a landlord before moving into a rental property. The amount is usually based on the monthly rent amount. The amount is often equivalent to one or two months of rent. This may also be based partially on your credit score. For more information on security deposits, visit: [https://www.rent.com/blog/what-is-a-security-deposit/](https://www.rent.com/blog/what-is-a-security-deposit/)

**Students ONLY**

Space may be available in the college residence halls for single students or students whose spouses are not in the US. Married student housing is not available on campus.

If interested in staying in a residence hall, you should submit an online housing application. This can be found on the Residence Life Website [https://www.sdsmt.edu/ResLife/](https://www.sdsmt.edu/ResLife/). Here are a few items to keep in mind.

1. Residents are required to purchase a food service contract.
2. Applications must pay the required $100.00 (US) deposit.
3. Temporary housing is not available on campus.
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