

Oakwood Hills Apartments – As a Messiah University Student

- FAQs:

- What will the cost be?
 - Students in one-bedroom apartments will be charged a rate of \$2750/semester while students in two-bedroom apartments will be charged \$2850/semester. Billing will go through Messiah University just like previous housing bills.
 - Students will pay for their own utilities: electric, cable, and internet. The average electric costs are between \$45 and \$80 per month. Future announcements will provide details on how to setup internet and cable. Internet costs will likely start at \$56 per month.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to obtain renter's insurance. Messiah has a partnership with Gradguard to provide Renter's Insurance for around \$11/month for those who are interested. More information can be found on the Contract Tab at www.messiah.edu/theNest.
- What furniture will be provided?
 - An extra-long twin bed will be provided for each person. All other furniture will be the responsibility of students. You may not bring any used or second-hand furniture of unknown origin into these apartments (used furniture is okay if you know where it comes from and if it is clean).
- What does parking look like at Oakwood Hills?
 - Oakwood Hills has 2.5 parking spots per apartment available, so you should have no trouble finding parking. These spots are, however, unmarked and unreserved.
 - Students will likely be able to still purchase a parking permit through Messiah University to park on campus for classes (though lots may be in different locations).
- Will the amenities at Oakwood be available for me?
 - Unfortunately, to negotiate the housing rate, Messiah University is not paying for students to have access to Oakwood Hills' pool, Fitness Center, Clubhouse, or covered porch.
 - Students may reserve the Oakwood Hills Clubhouse in accordance with their policies and fees. This may be a great way to have family gatherings without feeling cramped in your apartment.
- How will I get to campus?
 - Students can walk, bike, or drive to campus, though there will be a limited number of parking spots available on campus. It would certainly be advisable to carpool with friends. Alternate transportation options are in consideration.
- Are there any unique policies that will be enforced if I live in Oakwood Hills?

- Students would still be expected to follow all Messiah College policies. Students will also be expected to follow the Oakwood Hills Rules and Regulations. These are typical guidelines for many rental communities.
 - The pet policy, alcohol, and visitation policies will all be the same at Oakwood Hills as the rest of our residential spaces.
- Can I have a meal plan?
 - Yes, your options are still the same regarding meal plans. You are welcome to have one, and should consider the Ala Carte meal plan because of how often you will find yourself on campus, but you are not required to have one.
- What is the laundry situation?
 - Every apartment has their own full-size washer and dryer
 - and dishwasher, stove, oven and microwave (unrelated, but a perk)
 - Toilet paper will NOT be provided
- Who will I live with?
 - In the email this was attached to, there was a link to a survey. Please fill out that survey and share who you would like to live with for the coming year. The Oakwood Hills apartments can only hold 2 people in each of them, so you may need to plan with your friends to find a situation that works.
- Will I get to choose my apartment floorplan at Oakwood Hills?
 - Unfortunately, no. The Housing Department will assign these apartments.
- How will maintenance needs be handled?
 - Any maintenance issues should be handled directly with the Oakwood Hills property management team.
- How will it be supervised?
 - There will be a professional Educator in Residence living at Oakwood Hills, as well as a few Resident Assistants (RAs).
- What is the security like at Oakwood?
 - Students will likely be given key fobs to enter the building and will have keys to keep their apartments locked.
 - Messiah's Department of Safety will also include Oakwood Hills in their rounds.
- Will there be a deposit like a normal apartment?
 - No, Messiah University will approach the end of the year housing process the same as if you were on campus. If damage is done to your apartment, you will be fined at the end of the year after an inspection by a residence life person.
- Will students be allowed to stay over Winter Break?
 - We are not sure yet. There are many details still in discussion. More information will be distributed as decisions are finalized to those who are interested in living at Oakwood Hills.
- Will every student be able to move to Oakwood Hills?

- Students will not be able to live at Oakwood Hills if they had an alcohol, drug, or severe other violation within the last year.
- Will there be a fire extinguisher provided in my apartment?
 - No, so students are strongly encouraged to bring their own kitchen fire extinguisher.
 - There are fire extinguishers in the hallways, at least one for every 10 apartments.