



The University of Texas at San Antonio

## Fostering Educational Success Center



### Are you a youth in extended foster care, between the ages of 18-21, and attending UTSA?

You are eligible for the Supervised Independent Living (SIL) program at UTSA!

#### What is SIL at UTSA?

SIL is a program that provides housing and meals for students in extended foster care living on-campus at UTSA. You will have your own private bedroom inside one of our Student Housing apartments and a full meal plan provided at no cost to you! You will also receive a \$90 monthly stipend to assist with basic living expenses. Our SIL program is year-round and you can be a part of this program as long as you remain in extended foster care and are enrolled at UTSA!

Check out the 4-bedroom floor plan that is available to you! [housing.utsa.edu/laurel-village](https://housing.utsa.edu/laurel-village)

#### How do I apply?

Your DFPS Caseworker will work with Family Tapestry to send your application to the UTSA SIL program.

Once approved by UTSA, you must go online to apply for Student Housing.

- » Visit [housing.utsa.edu/#laurel](https://housing.utsa.edu/#laurel) to apply for housing at Laurel Village and click the **“Apply Now”** button at the top of the page
- » Complete the application and select the option for a 4-bedroom / single occupancy unit
- » Submit your application

Once you submit your application for Student Housing, you must go online to apply for a Meal Plan.

- » Visit your student ASAP account by logging in at [asap.utsa.edu](https://asap.utsa.edu)

- » Click on the **“Student Services”** tab at the top of the page:
- » Once you are on the **“Student Services”** tab, click on the link for UTSA Card
- » Once you are in the UTSA Card Menu, click on the link for **“Meal Plan Application”**
- » Select the **“Access 7c Meal Plan”** for the Academic Year (Fall and Spring)
- » Complete the application and hit **“Submit”**

You have now completed the applications for your Student Housing and Meal Plans!

DFPS, Family Tapestry, and UTSA will work with you to confirm a move-in date!

#### Want to learn more about extended foster care?

- » Contact the FESC for more information!

### How does this SIL program work?

Now that you’re a part of SIL, our Campus Coach will contact you to setup a visit in the Fostering Educational Success Center. Our Campus Coach will be in touch with you throughout your participation in SIL and can support you with any questions you have about the program.

## WELCOME!

## FAQs

### ELIGIBILITY

» **How long can I participate in this program?**

As long as you are signed-in to extended foster care and continue to enroll at UTSA, you can participate!

» **Do I have to stay until I'm 21?**

No, you can discharge from the program at any time. Work with your Campus Coach to create a transition plan so you can discharge safely and smoothly when you are ready.

» **I'm turning 21 and will still be in college. What are my housing options when I age out of care?**

We want to make sure that you have safe and affordable housing when you discharge from SIL. Work closely with your Campus Coach when you are preparing to leave SIL to setup housing resources! The FESC has Emergency Funds that may be able to assist with moving costs.

### LIVING ON-CAMPUS

» **Do I have to use the "Access 7c Meal Plan"?**

Yes, this is the only meal plan option we currently have available under SIL.

» **Do I have to live in a 4-bedroom dorm?**

Yes, this is the only bedroom size option we currently have available under SIL.

» **What do I need to bring with me?**

Student Housing at Laurel Village offers fully furnished units with a bed, dresser drawers, and desk. You should prepare to bring bedding, room decorations, dishes, cleaning products, and any other personal items you want to keep in your bedroom.

» **Does our dorm have a kitchen?**

Yes, your dorm is equipped with a kitchenette area including a full-size refrigerator, a kitchen sink, microwave, and cabinet space for kitchenware. Laurel Village is designed with several central community centers where you will be able to access a full-size kitchen to prepare larger meals using a stovetop and oven.

» **How do I do laundry?**

Laundry facilities are available in Laurel Village for you to access on-site using your Student ID. As a student who lives on campus, you have access to these facilities at all time during your participation in SIL.

» **Where do I get my mail?**

Your Campus Coach will assist you to sign up for a mailbox in the UPS store located in the Student Union. You will have access to this mailbox as long as you participate in the SIL program.

» **How do I receive my stipend?**

Your stipend will be applied to your student account through ASAP at the beginning of each semester. Please be sure to keep your up-to-date direct deposit information in your ASAP account to receive your stipend as quickly as possible.

» **Are we allowed to have pets?**

Pets are not currently allowed in Student Housing. However, if you are a student with a documented disability, you may be eligible to have an Emotional Support Animal. Contact your Campus Coach for more information on how to sign up for an ESA!

» **I'm taking classes in the Fall and Spring, but want to take a break during the Summer. Can I stay in SIL in the Summer even if I don't take classes?**

Yes! As long as you are enrolled for the following Fall semester, you can stay in SIL over the Summer!

» **Do I have to leave my dorm during student holidays?**

No. SIL is open year-round and you can stay in your dorm over any student holiday in the Academic Calendar at UTSA!

» **What are the rules for this program?**

Your Campus Coach will review the Written Agreement for participating in this program. You must follow your Student Housing contract at all times.

» **Does anyone else have keys to my dorm?**

Student Housing is able to access all dorms at any time in the event of an emergency. Staff in the FESC do not have keys to your dorm.

» **How often do I have to meet with my Campus Coach?**

Your Campus Coach will ask to meet with you at least once a month. You can meet in the FESC office or any other safe space on campus. FESC staff do not visit your dorm unless you ask us to or in the event of an emergency that compromises your safety or the safety of others.

» **What other services can I access as a SIL participant?**

You are eligible to access any services offered through the FESC and all services open to students on campus at UTSA! Check out our website at [www.utsa.edu/fosteringsuccess](http://www.utsa.edu/fosteringsuccess) for more information!