



Getting Started Guide

Special instructions for ESU students:

This is for INCOMING STUDENTS ONLY!

You are not eligible to participate in this program until you have completed a housing application on-line.

Congratulations! East Stroudsburg University has partnered with My College Roomie to offer you an amazing tool to network, meet new friends, and select your own roommate for the upcoming year. My College Roomie is super simple to use, but outlined below are some notes on getting started!

Please also visit our Support Tab on your University's MCR Platform, or use the link below to view How-To Videos on every tool within My College Roomie!

Support & How-To Videos: <https://mycollegeroomie.freshdesk.com/support/solutions>

Step 1: Log in! You'll receive your login and password by email. [Video](#)

Step 2: Complete your Profile [Video](#)

Step 3: Complete your Questionnaire [Video](#)

Step 4: Network! Meet new people & Select your Roommate using the Tools below!

Note: Make note of your School's Roommate Matching Deadline. If you do not match with a roommate before the deadline, you will be assigned a roommate based on compatibility!

Tools:

- **Short Bio:** Section of your profile that all users see. Write something fun about yourself!
- **Video Introduction:** Add a link to embed a YouTube Video Introduction right into your profile, to add some personality to your page!
- **Match Section:** Ranks your matches based on compatibility score
- **Social Newsfeed:** Share some status updates and info about yourself! [Video](#)
- **Search Bar:** Search for specific keyword within other users' profiles, such as "Netflix," "Batman," "Game of Thrones."
- **Messaging:** Send private messages to other users to talk about your interests and decide whether or not to be roommates! [Video](#)

- **Friend and Roommate Requests:** Add friends, and choose those you wish to live with!
 - [Friends Video](#)
 - [Roommates Video](#)

Tips for Getting Started:

- **Short Bio:** Write something interesting here and outline anything important that you're looking for in a roommate
 - **Example:** Hey Everyone! I'm Jason and I'm really into video games and football. I'm kind of neat, so I'd prefer a roommate who is also neat, and who doesn't smoke! I'm planning to get involved in intramural sports, so someone who can share an active lifestyle would also be great!
 - **Example:** I'm from Austin, Texas and I'm planning to major in Nursing. I'm very outgoing and plan to experience all college has to offer. My ideal roommate is fun and energetic, but also works hard to do well in class! Message me to chat more!
- **Match Section:** Use the ranked matches as a good starting point to find compatible roommates. Send a few top matches a private message to learn more about them, and add them as Friends!
- **Social Newsfeed:** Good for status updates, photos, videos, commenting, etc.
 - **Example:** Anyone looking to live in North Tower?
 - **Example:** I'm so excited for college life! Who else is interested in pledging for a fraternity/sorority?
 - **Example:** Transfer student looking for other transfers! Message me!
- **Search Bar:** Use to find people with specific interests, such as "Comic Books," "Yoga," or "Orange is the New Black".
- **Messaging:** Send private messages to other users you are interested in learning more about. Hint: Sharing something interesting about yourself first is a nice way to break the ice!

Examples of good first questions or messages:

- Hi! I noticed you're a high match for me and wanted to learn more about you!
- Tell me something interesting that I wouldn't know by reading your profile!
- What are some things you're most excited about for college life?
- What's your absolute must-have or can't-have in a roommate?
- What are you planning to major in?
- What are some of your favorite shows?
- **Friend and Roommate Requests:** You must first be Friends with someone before you can become Roommates, so make plenty of awesome new friends in addition to finding a great roommate!