

# Understanding the **\$4,700** Provisional Housing Charge

A temporary charge on your fall bill — not your student's final housing cost, and not a room assignment.

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# \$4,700

PROVISIONAL CHARGE

Because first-year room selection happens during SOAR this summer, your student's hall isn't assigned when bills go out. So every first-year bill includes a **temporary \$4,700 charge** — the most common rate — that is **replaced with the actual rate** after room selection.

On the bill it appears as **Provisional Housing Assessment** — not a hall name.

## ! Planning to use loan options for your bill?

Many families apply for a Parent PLUS loan or private loan for the exact amount on the first bill. Because the \$4,700 provisional charge is only an estimate, your student's final housing charge will very likely be different.

**Financial Aid recommends waiting until your revised bill is posted in July before finalizing loan applications to ensure accuracy.** Borrowing against the provisional charge can mean redoing a PLUS application, a second credit check, re-accepting loans, or a hold on the account if the charge increases.

Questions? Contact Financial Aid: [financialaid@easternct.edu](mailto:financialaid@easternct.edu) · 860-465-5205

## What Happens Next

1

**JUNE 22**

### Initial bill

Your first bill arrives with the \$4,700 provisional charge so you can begin planning.

2

**SUMMER · SOAR**

### Room selection

Your student chooses a room and roommates during their SOAR session.

3

**JULY**

### Final charge posts

After housing is assigned, the provisional charge is automatically replaced with the actual room rate.

4

**RIGHT AFTER**

### Revised bill

You receive an updated bill reflecting the true housing charge.

## On the monthly payment plan?

Your **first installment** is based on the \$4,700 provisional charge. Once the actual charge posts, your **remaining installments adjust automatically** — no action needed to update the plan itself.

# The Rates & Your Questions

## See the Math: First-Year Rates

Every first-year bill starts at the **\$4,700 provisional charge**. Here's how the actual per-semester rate compares, so you can see how your bill may change once your student's hall is assigned.

### TRADITIONAL-STYLE HOUSING

#### Burr Hall

**\$4,540**

▼ \$160 under the \$4,700 charge

#### Burnap & Crandall Halls

**\$4,540**

▼ \$160 under the \$4,700 charge

#### Winthrop Hall

**\$5,034**

▲ \$334 over the \$4,700 charge

### SUITE-STYLE HOUSING

#### PROVISIONAL CHARGE

#### Mead Hall

**\$4,700**

Matches the \$4,700 charge

This charge does **not** guarantee placement in Mead Hall.

#### Constitution Hall

**\$5,142**

▲ \$442 over the \$4,700 charge

Your final charge replaces the \$4,700 provisional charge once your hall is assigned.

#### ? Why is \$4,700 on my bill?

Housing costs vary by building, and assignments aren't complete when bills go out. Rather than leave housing off, Eastern uses the most common rate as a **provisional charge** so you have an amount to plan around. It is **replaced with the actual rate** once your hall is assigned.

#### \$ Will my bill change?

Most likely. After room selection the housing line updates to the actual rate: it goes **down** for Burr, Burnap, and Crandall; stays about the **same** for Mead; and goes **up** for Winthrop and Constitution. About four in ten first-years land at the Mead rate, so their charge stays close to \$4,700.

#### A PROVISIONAL CHARGE, NOT A PLACEMENT

Seeing \$4,700 **does not mean your student will live in Mead Hall**. No hall has been assigned yet.

#### FINALIZING FINANCIAL AID

Since the provisional housing charge is subject to change, please **contact Financial Aid** for assistance with loan and scholarship questions.

#### WATCH FOR THE REVISED BILL

A new bill is issued **automatically** after room selection. Review it before adjusting any borrowing.

## Questions? We're Here to Help.

### HOUSING & RESIDENCE HALL ASSIGNMENTS

For housing options, room selection, or assignments, contact [housing@easternct.edu](mailto:housing@easternct.edu).

### BILLING, FINANCIAL AID & LOANS

Before finalizing any loan or scholarship, contact Financial Aid at [financialaid@easternct.edu](mailto:financialaid@easternct.edu) — please reach out **before** you borrow.