First-Year Housing Questionnaire Instructions

Reminder:

- Please make sure to complete your Student Entry Record (SER) before your Housing Questionnaire.
- Please submit your completed Housing Questionnaire by Monday, June 22, 2020.

Instructions:

- This questionnaire is to be completed by the student. Please do not have your parent/guardian, family member, etc. fill this out on your behalf.
- Answer honestly. We use this information to learn about you. Based on what you tell us about yourself, we seek to create diverse and compatible Customs groups, roommates, suitemates, etc. It is essential that you are honest. For example, if you are very neat but you respond that you are really messy in the hopes of getting a single room, you may end up matched with a roommate who responded that they are also messy.
- All housing is designated smoke-free. Smoking of any kind, vaping, and/or the burning of incense is not permitted.
- Important questions to pay close attention to:
  
  o Questions 6-8 are about the pre-designated substance sensitive Customs group. You will be asked to indicate your level of comfort around alcohol in your residential environment. While Customs teams strive to create an inclusive environment in which everyone can feel comfortable, personal levels of comfort around alcohol in residential spaces differ for a variety of reasons. These may include personal lifestyle preferences, religious beliefs, or other personal reasons.
  
  o Questions 14-16 are about the pre-designated all-gender bathroom Customs group. You will be asked to indicate your need or preference regarding all-gender and single-gender bathrooms.

Upon arrival to Haverford, one of the first decisions that first-year students make collectively as a Customs group, except students living at Haverford College Apartments (HCA), is whether the bathrooms on the hall will be designated as all-gender or single-gender. Bathrooms at HCA
are single occupancy bathrooms. An all-gender bathroom is a bathroom that anyone can use regardless of gender identity or expression.

For any number of reasons, a student may prefer to live in housing with all-gender bathrooms. However, this process of making a decision about bathroom designation on the hall may not be comfortable for some students who may not wish to share their opinions and preferences so publicly, even if they feel strongly one way or another. A student may feel that revealing their preference publicly to their Customs Group might "out" themselves in relation to their gender identity or gender expression.

In keeping with the mission of the College to be an inclusive and welcoming community, two of the twenty-two Customs groups in first-year housing has been formally pre-designated with all gender bathrooms.

- Question 20 is about housing accommodations, including those for air conditioning and/or carpet-free, and/or special circumstances. Incoming first-year students sometimes have individual needs or circumstances that warrant special housing consideration. Please see Access and Disability Services (https://www.haverford.edu/access-and-disability-services) for information and procedures for requesting housing accommodations. The Housing Accommodation Request Form is due June 22, 2020. Even if you have been in touch with other offices, students must let the Office of Residential Life know on the questionnaire if you are requesting housing accommodations. Some offices are closed or have limited hours in the summer, so there could be a significant delay in their sending us this pertinent information. Please note that the information you give to this question will remain confidential. We encourage you to please contact us with any questions related to special circumstances and/or housing accommodations.