The greater Richmond region covers over 62 square miles, which translates into a wide variety of housing options. Richmond is often subdivided into smaller neighborhoods and districts, including the City Center, Far West End/Short Pump, Southside, Northside, Downtown, and East End.

Although we’ve listed many options below, we strongly encourage students to thoroughly research and vet their final housing selection carefully.

**City Center**

**NEAR WEST END**

Near West End encompasses neighborhoods in both the city limits and Henrico County. The University of Richmond is located within this area.

**Pros**
- Close to school (5-10 minute drive)
- Close to many restaurants and shops
- Many family-friendly neighborhoods

**Cons**
- Housing can be expensive
- Not a lot of night life

**Popular Apartment Complexes**
- The Estates/Village at Horsepen // one-, two-, and three-bedroom townhomes; pet-friendly; amenities such as a fitness center and pool
- Tuckahoe Creek Apartments // one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments; pet-friendly
MUSEUM DISTRICT

The Museum District is a neighborhood anchored by a six-block tract of museums, including the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Virginia Museum of History & Culture.

**Pros**
- Walking distance to many restaurants, grocery stores, shops, and museums

**Cons**
- Parking can be limited
- About a 15-minute commute to campus

**Popular Apartment Complexes**
- **Kensington Place Apartments** // one- and two-bedroom apartments with historic charm
- **Malvern Manor** // one- and two-bedroom apartments on the edge of Carytown

THE FAN

The Fan is a historic district that is conveniently located close to Downtown. Perfect for walking, it boasts many amenities such as shops and restaurants.

**Pros**
- Walking distance to many restaurants, shops, and parks

**Cons**
- Parking can be limited
- About a 15-minute commute to campus
- Limited public transportation options in some areas

**Housing Options**

The Fan is home to many privately-owned apartments as opposed to large complexes. Check local apartment listings for openings.

SCOTT’S ADDITION

Formerly a bustling industrial area, Scott’s Addition is now an up-and-coming neighborhood featuring modern restaurants and breweries.

**Pros**
- Lots of things to do in the area, tons of entertainment

**Cons**
- Housing costs can be higher
- Busy area; can be noisy at times
- Parking can be limited

**Popular Apartment Complexes**
- **The Preserve at Scott’s Addition** // one- and two-bedroom apartments with tons of amenities in a remodeled Coca-Cola bottling building
Far West End/Short Pump

Short Pump is a suburb located in Henrico County. In recent years, the population has greatly increased due to Short Pump Town Center, a high-end, open-air shopping mall.

**Pros**

- Close to many restaurants and shops
- Relatively safe, family-friendly area

**Cons**

- Housing can be expensive
- Lots of traffic
- About a 20-minute commute to campus

**Popular Apartment Complexes**

- *Harbor Village* // two-bedroom apartments with a community fitness center and pool
- *The Crossings at Short Pump* // one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments with family-friendly amenities

Southside

The Southside includes portions of the city south of the James River, including Manchester and parts of Chesterfield County.

**Pros**

- Rent is lower than in other areas
- Neighborhood feel

**Cons**

- Fewer students in the area
- Can be a longer commute depending on area

**Popular Apartment Complexes**

- *Creek’s Edge at Stony Point* // one-, two-, and three-bedroom layouts close to shopping & dining
- *Willow Oaks Apartments* // one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments close to amenities

Northside

The Northside is composed of northern Richmond and some parts of Henrico County, and is close to Richmond Raceway and Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.

**Pros**

- Rent is lower than in other areas
- Close to I-95 and I-64

**Cons**

- Often less square footage
- Some areas are higher in crime
- About a 20-minute commute to campus

**Housing Options**

The Northside is home to many privately-owned apartments and houses as opposed to large complexes. Check local apartment listings for openings.
**Downtown**

**JACKSON WARD**

Jackson Ward is a historic district located on the northern edge of the Downtown district, less than a mile from the Virginia State Capitol.

**Pros**
- Close to Downtown
- Near many social activities

**Cons**
- Small housing
- Parking is limited
- About a 20-minute commute to campus
- Some areas are higher in crime

**Popular Apartment Complexes**
- The Richmond Dairy // converted dairy company complete with 40-foot architectural milk bottles

**East End**

**CHURCH HILL**

Church Hill boasts the title of being Richmond’s oldest neighborhood. It is home to Chimborazo Park, where the largest Civil War hospital was located.

**Pros**
- Great views of the city
- Close to many restaurants and shops

**Cons**
- Often less square footage
- Parking is limited
- About a 25-minute commute to campus
- Some areas are higher in crime

**Popular Apartment Complexes**
- The Lofty // recently renovated one- and two-bedroom apartments with off-street parking
- Lava Lofts // former Church Hill school building converted to pet-friendly loft-style apartments