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There's no better feeling than knowing your plans are finalized, reservations are secured, and everything is prepared for your next step. After all, eliminating uncertainty can be *the* step toward alleviating stress and anxiety. That's especially true when you're making plans for a major life change like going to college or transferring from one school to another.

If your college plans include [the University of West Alabama](#), you can go ahead and start the ball rolling now, so you'll have one or two fewer things to worry about in the fall. Once you receive your acceptance letter from UWA, you can declare your intent to enroll. That means you can start getting your ducks in a row right away:

1. **Make Your Decision**

By now, you've probably narrowed down the list of possible colleges to just a few campuses. [Assuming that short list includes UWA, making an official decision should be pretty simple. UWA offers the best of both worlds when it comes to the college experience.](#) The campus definitely feels like a campus, as opposed to a bunch of college buildings on a city block. And while UWA offers the amenities you'd expect at a larger school, you can walk the entire campus in about 15 minutes... very convenient if you're running late for class. You'll find a full range of options for your major, but with smaller class sizes than larger state schools. When it comes down to it, it really is an obvious choice.

[To kick things off, make sure to submit your Enrollment Confirmation Fee to confirm your intent to enroll](#) (\$200 for freshman and transfer students living on campus and \$100 for transfer students living off campus). You must submit the nonrefundable Enrollment Confirmation Fee *before* registering for orientation or applying for housing.

2. **Register for Orientation**

With that decision made – and your acceptance letter in hand – you can immediately register for [UWA's Westbound Orientation](#). Orientation is required for all incoming students, whether as freshmen or transfers, before you can register for fall classes. It's a great hands-on opportunity to get a feel for the campus and start to learn your way around. You'll have a chance to speak with professors and advisors about possible majors and learn about academic expectations at UWA. You can also take home a few study tips and maybe even meet a few classmates.

3. **Attend Orientation**

Of course, once you've registered, [you have to actually attend orientation](#). The good news is that this won't feel like a chore. You can pick [one of three dates](#) that suit you – remaining sessions for 2019 are planned in May, July and August, each with a cost of \$200 (\$100 for transfer students). This two-day event includes informative sessions and



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interactive programs to help prepare you for your best life at UWA. You'll have a chance to explore the campus and meet future classmates, stay in an on-campus room, and still have time for icebreakers and entertainment. There's even a special program for parents (there is an additional \$50 fee for parents).

4. **Apply for Housing**

UWA offers on-campus housing, with both residence halls and apartment options available. Most first-year students are assigned to the same residence hall, Gilbert Hall, but other halls may also be assigned based on class size and housing availability. [UWA requires all freshmen live on campus, which is a great way to enjoy the “full college experience”](#) with the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities around you, after-hours study groups, and generally socialize with your classmates. But housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so early applications are strongly encouraged. [Make sure to submit your housing application](#) *before* you've attended orientation, [just after submitting your Enrollment Confirmation Fee](#).

5. **Start Meeting Your Classmates**

Going off to college without a pre-selected roommate in tow can be a bit unnerving, especially if you're waiting to be assigned a roommate you don't know. But it can also be [the chance to make a friend for life](#). Using UWA's on-campus housing portal – My College Roomie – you can start meeting other students who will be here in the fall. Once you answer all the questions, the portal will match you with your best roommate option based on compatibility.

If you've already been accepted and [made your decision to attend UWA](#) in the fall, why not go ahead and declare your intent? With these four simple steps, you can save your spot, get your name on the list for housing, and even register for classes. Once all the decisions are made and the paperwork is complete, you can kick back, relax and enjoy a carefree summer.

Just discovering UWA now? There's still time to apply for fall enrollment as an on-campus freshman or transfer student [here](#).