



THE GENERATION ORANGE GUIDE

— to —

# Washington, DC

*Insider Advice on Adulting in Your New City*

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## Welcome

Dear 2017 grad and new member of Generation Orange,

WELCOME TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL!

What is Generation Orange, you ask? Gen O grads are Syracuse University alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years—and are now establishing their roots as young leaders and professionals. There are more than 3,500 members of Gen O right here in The District.

We're sure you're excited—and also a little nervous—as you embark on this next chapter of your life. Have no fear! We've put together this guide for you featuring tips, tricks, and advice to help you as you transition to life in D.C.

No clue how to start the apartment hunt? *We've got you covered!*

Feel like going on an adventure? *No problem!*

Need a new Instagram foodie to follow? *We have plenty of suggestions!*

So take a moment and skim through the pages that follow. We're sure you'll find something worth your while. :)

Best of luck on your endeavors and as always, GO ORANGE!

- The Generation Orange Leadership Council



## **D.C. Alumni Organizations + Resources**

- **SU in D.C. (Greenberg House)** - Located in Woodley Park, the [Paul Greenberg House](#) is Syracuse University's headquarters in the nation's capital. See what events are coming up [here](#). And follow Greenberg House on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).
- **Syracuse University Alumni Club of Washington, D.C.** - The club offers SU alumni in the greater Washington metropolitan area the ability to maintain ties with the university, as well as to network, volunteer, and attend exciting events centered around SU in Washington, D.C. To learn more, contact [suindc@gmail.com](mailto:suindc@gmail.com) or visit [dc.syr.edu/alumni/alumni-clubs](http://dc.syr.edu/alumni/alumni-clubs). Keep up with the latest and greatest news and happenings of this club on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter!](#)
- **Syracuse University Alumni Club of Baltimore** - The club plans events all around the Charm City and welcomes family members and friends of SU alumni to join in on all of the great events. To learn more, contact [bmorangealumni@gmail.com](mailto:bmorangealumni@gmail.com) or visit [dc.syr.edu/alumni/alumni-clubs](http://dc.syr.edu/alumni/alumni-clubs)



## **Apartment Hunting Tools**

### **Resources to Find Apartments**

- Craigslist - Great for subleases or to move into an existing lease.
- Zillow - Great to find apartments if you are looking solo or have roommates.
- Compass - Great to find apartments if you are looking solo or have roommates.
- Padmapper - Great to find apartments if you are looking solo or have roommates in.
- Apartments.com - Great to find apartments if you are looking solo or have roommates.

## **Things You'll Need Before You Go Apartment Hunting**

- Letter of Employment or Proof of Income Letter that states the length of work and annual salary. Ask for this on your first day/orientation session at your job.
- Your two most recent pay stubs. If you don't have pay stubs yet, explain that to your leasing office and the Letter of Employment should suffice.
- Latest bank statements.
- Copy of your photo ID or passport.
- First two pages of your latest tax return. You may not need it, but it's good to have on hand.
- Bring a blank check or your checkbook. You'll be surprised at how quickly apartments come off the market, so if you find something you fall in love with, you'll be ready to make it yours.

### **Common Things To Know When Looking For An Apartment**

- Start your search by narrowing down what part of D.C. you want to be in. The next section lists all the various neighborhoods in northeast, northwest, southeast and southwest D.C.
- Schedule viewings quickly. Apartments are taken off the market quickly, so reach out as soon as you find a place you're interested in. It would also be wise to spend a day viewing multiple apartments so that you can compare and contrast. Try to bundle viewings by neighborhood.

### **Major Neighborhoods in DC**

- Northeast
  - Brookland
  - Eckington
  - Trinidad
  - NoMa
  - Capitol Hill
  - H Street
- Northwest
  - Adams Morgan
  - Bloomingdale
  - Cleveland Park
  - Columbia Heights
  - Dupont Circle
  - Foggy Bottom
  - Logan Circle
  - Georgetown
  - Mount Vernon Square
  - Petworth

- U Street
- Shaw
- Van Ness
- Woodley Park
- Southeast
  - Anacostia
- Southwest
  - Capitol Riverfront
- Maryland
  - Bethesda
  - Rockville
  - Silver Spring
  - Hyattsville
- Virginia
  - Alexandria
  - Arlington
  - Falls Church
  - Fairfax



## **Must Eat/Drink Places (just some of our favorites!)**

### **Brunch**

- Ted's Bulletin (14th Street)
- Local 16 (U Street)
- Penn Commons (Gallery Place/Chinatown)
- Cava Mezze Grill (Capitol Hill)
- Radiator (Logan Circle)
- Farmers, Fishers and Bakers (Georgetown)

- Founding Farmers
- Milie's (Tenleytown)
- Proof (Gallery Place/Chinatown)
- Beacon Bar & Grill (Downtown)
- Smith Commons (H Street)

### **Lunch/Dinner**

- Busboys & Poets (Various locations)
- Tico (U Street)
- Doi Moi (14th Street)
- Barcelona (14th Street)
- Kapnos (14th Street)
- Smoked & Stacked (Shaw)
- Nopa (Penn Quarter)
- Osteria (Capitol Riverfront)
- Right Proper Brewing Company (Shaw)
- Osteria Morini (Capitol Riverfront)
- Beau Thai (Shaw)
- Urbana (Dupont Circle)
- Cafe Dupont (Dupont Circle)
- Union Market (NoMa)

### **Sweet Tooth**

- Baked & Wired (Georgetown)
- Sprinkles Cupcakes (Georgetown)
- Georgetown Cupcakes (Georgetown)
- Red Velvet (Penn Quarter/Chinatown)
- Dangerously Delicious Pies (H Street)
- Buttercream Bakeshop (Shaw)
- Milk (Downtown)
- Ice Cream Jubilee (Waterfront)

### **For A Drink or Two**

- The Red Hen (Bloomingdale)

- Mockingbird Hill (Shaw)
- Southern Efficiency (Shaw)
- Ben's Next Door (U Street)
- The Gibson (U Street)
- Marvin (U Street)
- The Passenger (Shaw)
- Jack Rose Dining Saloon (Adams Morgan)
- District Distillery (U Street)
- Bourbon (Adams Morgan)
- Dacha (Shaw)
- Birch & Barley/ChurchKey (Logan Circle)
- Maketto (H Street)
- Sticky Rice (H Street)
- Surfside Taco Stand (Dupont Circle)

### **Late Night Bites**

- Ben's Chili Bowl (U Street)
- El Rey (U Street)
- Jumbo Slice (Adams Morgan)
- Amsterdam Falafel (Adams Morgan/14th Street)
- The Diner (Adams Morgan)
- Johnny Pistolas (Adams Morgan)
- Julia's Empanadas (Dupont Circle)
- &Pizza (Various locations)

### **Where Syracuse Grads Typically Gather**

- Penn Social
- Penn Quarter Sports Tavern - SU in DC Alumni Club game watch location

### **Fitness + Outdoor Activities**

#### **Gyms**

- Orangetheory (various locations)
- LA Fitness (various locations)



- Balance Gym (various locations)
- Solidcore (various locations)
- Elevate (Columbia Heights)
- YWCA & YMCA (various locations)
- Gold's Gym (various locations)
- Washington Sports Club (various locations)
- Next Phase (Bethesda & Arlington) - first week free!

### **Yoga Studios**

- Core Power Yoga (first week free!)
- Yoga District
- Epic Yoga DC
- Khephera Wellness

### **Outdoor Activities**

- Teddy Roosevelt Island
- Rock Creek Park
- George Washington Memorial Parkway Bike Trail
- Mount Vernon Trail
- W & OD Trail
- C&O Canal Trail
- Great Falls (MD & VA)
- Thompson Boat Center - Boating in DC

## **Things to Do in D.C.**

### **Big Events**

#### [Broccoli City Festival](#)

An annual festival that promotes health, wellness and entrepreneurship in The District. This year's festival featured R&B and hip-hop acts such as Solange, Rae Sremmurd, NAO, and others.

#### [Truckaroo](#)

If you're looking for something low-key to do on a Friday night with a bunch of your hungry friends, Truckaroo is the place to be. Located right outside of the Nationals Stadium on Half Street, D.C.'s food trucks gather twice a month to serve up some of their most delicious offerings.

### [The Smile Project - Carnival + Concert](#)

Hosted by Broccoli City and Universal Fairs at RFK Festival Grounds, The Smile Project is a four-day festival featuring huge thrill rides, the best carnival food and games, incredible music performances, cash bars, and live art installations by the area's most talked about artists.

### [Trillectro](#)

An annual hip-hop concert held at RFK Stadium, past acts have included Kid Cudi, GoldLink, and Rae Sremmurd.

### [Museums](#)

D.C. is home to a plethora of incredible national monuments and Smithsonian Institutions that are always free! Check out those and other amazing museums below.

- National Museum of African American History & Culture
- National Portrait Gallery
- The Newseum (\$)
- Renwick National Gallery of Art
- National Building Museum
- National Geographic Museum
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- National Museum of Natural History
- National Museum of American History
- National Air & Space Museum



### **Free Events**

- [Jazz In The Garden](#)
- Free Yoga at CityCenter

### **Sporting Events**

- Washington Nationals
- Washington Wizards
- Washington Redskins

- DC United
- Washington Mystics
- Baltimore Orioles
- Washington Valor

## **Helpful Apps**

### **Entertainment & Activity Apps**

- Yelp - If you're looking to try new food and even venture into a new neighborhood, Yelp will give you reliable suggestions.



### **Food**

- Seamless - Feeling lazy, but hungry? Seamless has your back with literally hundreds of restaurants that deliver to your doorstep.
- Eat 24 - Same as Seamless, but Yelp's version.
- Ritual - Get points for ordering lunch and skip the line!
- Uber Eats - Hundreds of NYC restaurants that deliver to you at "Uber" speed.

### **Transit/Navigation**

- DC Metro & Bus
- BusTrackDC
- DC Metro Transit

## **Instagram Accounts To Follow**

- DC Millennials (@dcmillennials)
- DC Food Porn (@dcfoodporn)
- A Creative DC (@acreativedc)
- DC Dining (@dcdining)
- DC Foodsters (@dcfoodsters)
- Washington, DC (@washingtondc.usa)
- Washington, D.C. (@visitwashingtondc)
- Capitol Standard (@capitoldstandard)
- Washington City Paper (@washingtoncitypaper)

## **General Tips & Tricks**

- Keep your student ID with you. You never know when you can pull it out for a sweet discount—particularly at museums and other cultural institutions!
- Always check for a “first time user” discount code. This particularly applies to things like new apps that you download (ride sharing, food ordering, etc).
- If you’re looking for slightly used and inexpensive furniture, use Craigslist. You’ll find some gems on there that won’t cost you an arm and a leg. Or, keep an eye out in your neighborhood because people are always moving and often times leave some great items on the sidewalk.
- If you ever find yourself bored, there’s always something to do in The District. Google events happening on that particular day, because there will almost always be a farmers market, flea market, comedy show, street festival, movie screening, or concert going on.

You are Forever Orange in Washington, D.C.! We hope you love living here as much as we do!

