

QUMBYA HOUSING COOPERATIVE

Membership Application



APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Last Name		First Name		Gender Pronouns	
Street Address				Apartment/Unit #	
City		State		ZIP	
Phone		E-mail			
When would you like to move in?			What is your desired length of stay?		
Do you have any special preferences or needs? (e.g. pets, allergies, dietary restrictions, etc.)					
How did you hear about Qumbya Housing Cooperative?					
How long would you like us to keep your application on file?					
REFERENCES					
<i>Please list two personal / professional character references. If unavailable, please explain.</i>					
Full Name		Relationship & Organization (if applicable)			
Email		Phone			
How long have you known this person, or what were your dates of employment?					
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU, GETTING TO KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU...

How do you spend your time (work, leisure, school, caregiving, socializing, etc.)?

How familiar are you with housing cooperatives? Why do you want to live in this cooperative?

What is your current housing situation and why are you leaving it?

What's your favorite joke?

What traits or skills would you like to share with the cooperative? Do you have any hidden talents?

What makes you feel comfortable at home? What are your pet peeves?

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

House meals are every weeknight at 7pm (except on Wednesdays at 7:30pm), Saturday brunch at 12pm, and Sunday at 6pm, 6:30pm, or 7pm (depending on the house). House meetings are every Sunday at 6:30pm at Wells, 7pm at Haymarket and Concord, 7:30pm at Bowers. Members are expected to attend at least 75% of house meetings and most dinners.

How does your schedule mesh with these events? Would you be able to attend the expected number of meals and meetings? If not, why?

House meals are prepared by house members on a rotating schedule. Each member cooks once a cycle (between 15 and 25 days) for roughly 30 people. You don't have to be a cook when you apply, but when you live here you will need to learn to cook vegetarian meals for up to 25 people (with some help of course).

Tell us about your experience and/or interests with cooking. Would you be able to contribute 3-4 hours preparing a meal every couple of weeks? If not, why?

All food collectively purchased and prepared is vegetarian. Cooks prepare special alternatives to meet members' dietary restrictions (vegan, GF, allergies, etc.)

Do you have a special dietary requirement? (please specify)

Members share maintenance and upkeep of the houses by performing assigned household chores (sweeping, cleaning, gardening, taking out the trash, etc.) or by performing administrative duties (e.g., bookkeeping).

Would you be able to contribute between 2 and 3 hours a week to house maintenance and upkeep responsibilities? If not, why?

Every month, house members cut two checks: one for rent (averaging about \$650), one for food group/utilities (averaging \$200). New members also pay a security deposit equal to one month's rent and a one-time membership fee of \$30.

Would you be able to pay the security deposit and one-time membership dues upon moving in? Do you have a reliable source of income? If so, what would you do if you lost that source and how long could you pay for rent, food, and utilities?

To maintain our tax-exempt status, we must collect statistics on the income levels of our membership.

If you were to move into the house, would you be willing to confidentially disclose your income level to Qumbya annually for this purpose (do not tell us your income now)?

LIVING IN COMMUNITY

How do you make your opinions and concerns known in group settings?

Managing conflict is an important skill to develop for cooperative living.

What issues have caused conflict between you and people you have previously lived with? Give an example from your own life about your abilities to resolve conflict between yourself and others.

Each Qumbya house strives to be open to people of a variety of religious beliefs, ethnic backgrounds, ages, family statuses, gender identities, and sexual orientations. Some of the ways we do this include making sure folks have space to celebrate holidays that are important to them or not assuming we know folks' preferred gender pronouns and making sure we always use the pronouns folks prefer.

How would you contribute to this effort of making our house a safer space for a diversity of people? For instance, what kinds of things do you do in your day-to-day life to be open to the people around you?

LAST QUESTION (WE PROMISE)

Fill this space (half a page)

Thank you for your application! Please send your completed application to the membership email at membership@qumbya.com. Our Membership Coordinators will contact you with vacancies and to schedule an interview!

The membership coordinators will contact you with upcoming vacancies and to schedule an interview. If you have any questions about Qumbya Housing Cooperative or the application, please contact Qumbya's general manager at staff@qumbya.com



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