

APPLICATION

Village Hill Co-Housing (VHC) Explorer Status

We have created this form to help our members get to know you better, and we hope you will enjoy completing this as part of your own exploration process. You don't need perfect answers, and you might not have an answer for everything. Please answer as much as you can.

If your household has more than one adult, you can work together on an application, or if you prefer, each do your own.

Please be sure to:

- read the VHC Core Values on our website,
- Attach a check for \$250 (non-refundable) application fee, payable to Pedro Levy.
- and sign this application.

Thank you!

Date _____

Name _____

Address:

Phone(s):

Email address(es):

Household members (even if they're with you part- time):

Name _____

Name _____

For the following set of questions, please write your responses in a separate Word document and submit it along with the application.

1. What are your hopes for living at VHC?
2. What are some ways you picture contributing to the community (such as meeting facilitation skills, gardening and cooking skills, event planning, patience, etc.)?
3. How do you spend your weekends or free time?
4. What, if anything, have you already done to explore cohousing? (reading, living in, visiting, etc.)
5. What are your experiences with being part of a group or committed community? What have you liked about it? What have you not liked about it?
6. What do you think will be the most challenging part of living at VHC (for you)?
- 7a. What size unit are you interested in purchasing? (2, 3, or 4 bedrooms). Keep in mind that the common house has guest rooms, exercise space, play areas, event spaces.
- 7b. What other sizes would you accept if your first choice is not available?
8. Is there any other information you'd like to share?

Please put a check next to any completed VHC activities:

_____ Information session

_____ Taken the self-assessment questionnaire

_____ Guided Site tour

_____ Meal or social gathering

_____ VHC general meeting

_____ Conversations with VHC members
(if you know who you talked to, please list their names)

_____ Met and/or spoke with a VHC buddy.

For future consideration:

PRE-REQUISITES FOR APPLYING FOR VHC CORE MEMBER (INVESTOR) STATUS

Once you have been an Explorer for a period of time, you may apply for Core Membership. Let someone on the Membership Committee know if you'd like to apply to be a Core Member. The following are the minimum pre-requisites for applying for VHC Core Member status:

_____ Attend an information session

_____ Take the self-assessment questionnaire (located on VHC website)

_____ Tour the site

_____ Attend at least one VHC meal or social gathering

_____ Attend at least 2 VHC general meetings, in person. If you live far away, it's possible that the second meeting can be done via Zoom. We may ask you to come to more than 2 meetings.

_____ Have several "getting to know you" conversations with individual VHC members

_____ Meet/speak with one VHC member who will assigned to be your buddy. In some cases we will ask you to have a second buddy.

_____ Visit a cohousing community

_____ Participate in volunteer work for VHC

If you live far away, feel free to inquire about the possibility of adjustments to the above.

REFERENCES

Please supply the name and phone number of 2 people from the following categories: landlord, co-worker, supervisor, roommate, or someone similar to these roles.

1. _____

phone _____

2. _____

phone _____

Please sign:

I have read the VHC Vision and Values and I am interested in joining the Exploring Status.

Signature and Date

How to send in your application:

Print, and fill out the form, and mail it to Peggy Gillespie, PO Box 1246, Amherst, MA 01004-1246. You can also email a doc or pdf or scanned application to memcom@villagehillcohousing.org .

Please send a check for \$250 (non-refundable) application fee, payable to Pedro Levy to him at: 196 N. Valley Road, Pelham, MA 01002.

Please email memcom@villagehillcohousing.org if you have any questions.