

# 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 \$50 (non-refundable) application fee,
- and sign this application.

Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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Phone:

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Email:

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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? (1, 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 VHC activities you've already done:**

- Information session
- Taken the self-assessment questionnaire
- Guided Site tour
- Pot luck meal
- VHC general meeting
- Conversations with VHC members (if you know who you talked to, please list their names)
- Met with a VHC buddy.

## 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)

- \_\_\_\_ Guided Site tour
- \_\_\_\_ Attend at least one VHC pot luck meal
- \_\_\_\_ Attend 2 VHC general meetings, in person
- \_\_\_\_ Have at least 4 “getting to know you” conversations with individual VHC members
- \_\_\_\_ Meet with at least 2 VHC buddies
- \_\_\_\_ Participate in volunteer work for the community

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.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**How to send in your application:**

Print, and fill out the form.  
Attach a \$50 (non-refundable) application fee, and mail to:  
Peggy Gillespie, PO Box 1246, Amherst, MA 01004-1246

(You can email scanned applications to  
info@villagehillcohousing.org) Checks made payable to Village Hill  
Cohousing LLC.