We are so glad that you are applying to be a Year Long Volunteer through the Christ House Volunteer Corps! We are grateful for your interest in joining our community and look forward to receiving your completed application.

If selected, it is expected that each Year Long Volunteer (YLV):

* Commits to the full duration of the length of service beginning June 12, 2020 and ending June 4, 2021.
* Desires to work alongside those who are experiencing homelessness, coping with addictions, and have various physical and mental health needs.
* Commits to a flexible schedule, which may including evenings, overnights, weekends, and holidays.
* Lives and fully participates in the Emmanuel House intentional community, including weekly Community Nights and two retreats during the service year.
* Actively contributes to Christ House’s mission to provide comprehensive and compassionate health care and offer assistance to break the cycle of homelessness.
* Maintains openness to new experiences, ways of living, and growth.

Please note that only completed packets will be considered for review. All applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis.

A complete application packet includes the following:

1. A completed Christ House Year-Long Volunteer **Application**, electronically signed and dated by the applicant, submitted in an email attachment to [Lydia.Olsen@christhouse.org](mailto:Lydia.Olsen@christhouse.org), with your first name and last name in the subject line followed by “YLV Application”.
2. **Three letters of recommendation** on behalf of the applicant submitted by each reference through our Google forms sheet linked here. Please include one reference of each type listed below.
   * Professional Reference: who can speak to your *work ethic and character*
   * Personal Reference: who understands your *motivation for service*
   * Communal Reference: a non-family member that you have lived with in the past two years who can offer *perspective about you as a potential roommate and community member*

Your reference will be asked which letter of recommendation they are submitting on your behalf.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email Lydia Olsen, Director of Volunteers, at (202)-328-1100 or [Lydia.Olsen@christhouse.org](mailto:Lydia.Olsen@christhouse.org)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

First Name: Middle Name: Last Name:

Preferred Name: Gender Identity:

Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)*: Preferred pronouns:

Permanent Email Address:

Cell phone number:

Do you have a current driver’s license?

Are you a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.?

Current Mailing Address:

Valid until:

Permanent Mailing Address:

Languages Spoken:

**PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION**

1. Please attach a current resume that includes the following information:

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| * Education History: school, degree earned, dates attended, date completed, city/state, field of study. |
| * Occupation History: employer, nature of work, duties, city/state, dates of employment, reason for leaving. * Volunteer Roles and Service Experiences * Leadership Roles and Experiences * Skills: regarding your potential in this community * Professional certifications including the certifying organization(s) and the date of certification |

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| 1. In what type of work environment do you excel? As an example, do you prefer working independently, or in a group? At a steady pace or a changing pace? With close supervision or less supervision? |
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**PLACEMENT INTERESTS**

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| 1. How did you learn about Christ House and what draws you to serving within our community? *(Limit 3-5 sentences)* | | |
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| 2. Please indicate the position(s) for which you would like to be considered: | | |
| Respite Care Assistant | Clinical Unit Assistant | Patient Support Services |
| Registered Nurse | Case Management Assist. | Activities Coordinator |
| 3. In the space provided below, give a brief explanation of why you are interested in the position(s) indicated. If you are applying for more than one position, please rank the positions in order of your interest. If you have no preference, please write "no preference." *(Limit 3-5 sentences)* | | |
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| 4. Please share any experience you’ve had working alongside individuals experiencing vulnerable situations or who are members of a marginalized group. | | |
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**COMMUNITY LIVING**

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| 1. Describe a time you have lived with others. What did you learn about yourself? How did you deal with conflict that arose? |
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| 2. YLVs live in “intentional community” with each other. Serving as a YLV with Christ House means committing to the practice of “intentional community,” which includes sharing material resources, spiritual practices, recreational time and the joys and challenges of daily life. Christ House believes we are unique individuals, yet we are bound to each other. Living in intentional community creates the supportive space to engage in social justice and explore meaning and vocation. Living intentionally in community requires effective communication, conflict resolution, self-care and commitment. What is a challenge you foresee for yourself regarding living in intentional community?    3. What would you hope to *gain* from a year of living and working with fellow volunteers? |
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| 4. Emmanuel House provides the space for volunteers to live together and have dedicated times of reflection. Share about a time when you have taken part of or lead a reflection or prayer for a group and the benefits and challenges that you experienced. |

**APPLICATION ESSAYS**

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| Essay One:  Describe an experience that has had a significant impact in your formation and development as a person committed to service and justice. (*Limit 500 words)* |
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| Essay Two:  Why are you seeking out this particular experience and what do you hope to learn about yourself and the world around you from a year of service with Christ House? (*Limit 500 words)* |
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| Essay Three:  Share a social justice issue you are passionate about and why. In your opinion, why does this injustice exist, and who perpetuates this injustice? How do you envision working towards changing this injustice? (*Limit 500 words)* |
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| Essay Four:  What do you need to succeed this year? What kind of environment is right for you to grow in? What support (from Christ House, from others) do you think you will need? (*Limit 500 words)* |
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**COMMITMENTS**

* Year of service: Friday, June 12, 2020 - Friday, June 4, 2021
* Stipend: YLVs receive $125 a month, directly deposited at the beginning of each month and a monthly transportation stipend.
* Upon completion of the year of service, YLVs will receive a $1,000 award to help with transition expenses.
* All YLVs are provided with:
  + 10 vacation days
  + 6 sick days
  + 10 federal holidays
* Because we are a 24-hour facility, some holidays will not be scheduled on the regularly observed day. A significant part of your service at Christ House is to be present to the patients and Kairos members. Holidays are times when your presence here can be especially meaningful, both for our patients and for you. We encourage YLVs to spend these special times at Christ House.
* YLVs should not plan to take time off during their first six weeks or during the last month of service. This allows for YLVs to be present to their roles at Christ House, as well as to build community at Emmanuel House.

Please share any financial obligations, special circumstances (recent death of a loved one, a sickness in the family, etc.), or personal health concerns (physical, mental, emotional, etc.) that may have a significant impact on your year.

Thank you for your interest in working alongside us at Christ House!

**SIGNATURE**

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| *I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE STATEMENTS MADE BY ME IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND MADE IN GOOD FAITH.* | | | |
| NAME: | DATE: |  |

**REMINDERS**

* Submit your application in an email attachment to Lydia.Olsen@christhouse.org

Subject Line: First and Last Name YLV Application

* Reference forms should be submitted by each reference through the Google form linked here