



CHRIST HOUSE VOLUNTEER CORPS APPLICATION

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.

By committing to Christ House Volunteer Corps, it is expected that each Year Long Volunteer (YLV):

- Commits to the full duration of the length of service beginning June 7, 2019 and ending June 5, 2020.
- 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 include evenings, overnights, weekends, and holidays.
- Lives and fully participates in the Emmanuel House intentional community, including weekly Community Nights once a week 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 as received.

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 YLV@christhouse.org, with your first name and last name in the subject line with "YLV Application".
2. **Three references** submitted on behalf of the applicant submitted by each reference in an email attachment directly to YLV@christhouse.org, with YLV Reference Form for Applicant First and Last Name in the subject line. 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*

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



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GENERAL INFORMATION

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

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

Gender Identity:

Permanent Email Address:

Current Mailing Address:

Valid until:

Permanent Mailing Address:

Languages Spoken:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? If yes, please explain.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please attach a current resume that includes the following information:

- 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
- Basic Skills: regarding your potential service role in this community
- Professional certifications including the certifying organization(s) and the date of certification



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PLACEMENT INTERESTS

1. How did you learn about Christ House and what draws you to serving with us? (*Limit 3-5 sentences*)

2. Please indicate the position(s) for which you would like to be considered:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Respite Care Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Unit Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> Case Management | <input type="checkbox"/> 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*)

4. Describe experiences you have had (if any) of working with any of the following populations: Individuals with a mental illness, minorities, experiencing homelessness, low-income and/or disabled.

COMMUNITY LIVING

1. Describe a time you have lived with others. What did you learn about yourself? How did you deal with conflict that arose?

2. What is a challenge you foresee 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 intentional 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

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*)

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 at Christ House? (*Limit 500 words*)

Essay Three:

Tell us about an injustice in the world for which you have a tender heart. How do you envision working towards changing this injustice? (*Limit 500 words*)



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COMMITMENTS

- Year of service: Friday, June 7 2019 -Friday, June 5, 2020
- Stipend: YLVs receive \$125 a month, directly deposited on the first day of each month.
- 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 year-long volunteers to be present to their roles at Christ House, as well as to build community at Emmanuel House.

Please list any financial, family, or personal obligations or situations which might challenge your commitment to this program or would be helpful for us to know.

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

SIGNATURE

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 YLV@christhouse.org
Subject Line: First and Last Name YLV Application
- Reference forms should be submitted by each reference in an email attachment to YLV@christhouse.org
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