

# BROTHER'S CHRISTOPHER HOUSE

## RESIDENCY APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. The applicant must be abstinent from alcohol and mood-altering substances.
2. Applicant must submit a Brothers Christopher House (BCH) application for residency and provide the support material required with application.
3. Applicants must have appropriate personal identification.
4. Applicant must participate in a face to face interview with a BCH staff member.
5. Applicants must demonstrate an ability to live cooperatively in a community/communal, shared setting.
6. Applicants must be willing and agree to follow the homes rules as outlined and stated in the BCH resident handbook.
7. Applicants must have no physical or mental health limitations that would restrict them from; daily living skills, living in a community/communal setting; light physical work; obtaining/maintaining employment; or from being a positive and contributing resident.
8. Applicants must be willing and have demonstrated ability to work.
9. Applicants must have no family or legal obligations that would interfere with BCH obligations (see resident handbook)
10. Applicants must be willing to participate in continued care at an outpatient chemical dependency treatment program.
11. Applicants must be willing to attend, all scheduled resident obligations with BCH CASAC, BCH House Manager, and with other residents for BCH groups or meetings, as scheduled.
12. Applicants must present a personal desire to participate in 12-step or self-help programs of recovery, 7 days a week.
13. Applicants must be willing to submit to urine drug screens and/or breathalyzer tests upon request.
14. Applicants must be willing to make a minimum of a 6 month commitment to living at the house.
15. Applicants must be willing adhere to rules specific to all phases of treatment, including no leaving the house without staff or peers for the first 30 days.
16. Applicants must be willing to adhere to all curfews, including being in-house by 10:45pm each night, when allowed with permission to be out of the house.
17. Applicants must be willing to turn over food stamps for food for the house.

18. Applicants must be willing to adhere to the 3-phase system outlined below:
- a. Phase 1- Minimum 30 Days: Residents may not leave the house unaccompanied. Residents are not eligible for overnight passes. Residents must remain abstinent and complete assignments on treatment plan. Residents must maintain all rules of the house, and attend 12-step meetings. Residents must follow through with all chemical dependency treatment recommendations (most will be attending treatment 5 days per week.)
  - b. Phase 2- Minimum 75 Days: Residents may leave the house unaccompanied as authorized by staff. Residents may apply for overnight pass once per month. Residents must remain abstinent and complete assignments on treatment plan. Residents must maintain all rules of the house, and attend 12-step meetings. Residents must follow through with all chemical dependency treatment recommendations (permitted to step down in treatment if actively looking for work or attending school).
  - c. Phase 3- Minimum 75 Days: Residents may leave the house unaccompanied and may apply for overnight and weekend passes. Residents must remain abstinent and complete assignments on treatment plan. Residents must maintain all rules of the house, and attend 12-step meetings as required. Residents should be actively looking for work and permanent housing.

### **Staffing**

Brothers Christopher House is staffed with the following:

CASAC	Hours: M-F	8:00AM-4:30PM
House Manager	Hours: Su-Thurs	6:00PM-11:00PM
Weekend Counselor	Hours: Sat/Sun	10:00AM-2:00PM
Program Director	On-Site Once Weekly or More if Necessary	

When the house is not covered by paid staff a resident House Leader and Assistant House Leader will have the responsibility of keeping the house in order, and contacting program staff when issues arise.

For Further information or to pursue placement at Brother's Christopher's House please request an application packet by calling:

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