

HOUSING APPLICATION

DISCIPLES DIVINITY HOUSE AT VANDERBILT

READ THIS FIRST: Introduction

Community: All prospective residents of the House should be aware that one of the House's goals is to promote community among those who live here, without regard to denominational affiliation. The Disciples Divinity House (DDH) is community not a dormitory. Residents accepted to live here, are encouraged and expected to take part in community life such as the Opening Retreat, House meals, and special programs. A House Community Activity Fee underwrites the cost of House meals and community life.

Priorities for Selection: In keeping with its mission of support for ministry students of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the DDH sets priorities that govern eligibility for residence at the House. Prospective residents will be admitted in the following order, with date of application governing order within groups:

1. Students from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Vanderbilt Divinity School and the Graduate Department of Religion.
2. Non-Disciple students in the Vanderbilt Divinity School and the Graduate Department of Religion.
3. Students in other graduate or professional degree programs of Vanderbilt University, with priority given to Disciples of Christ.

The House seeks to build a community of Divinity and GDR students that does not discriminate among residents during the course of an academic year. However, if there are more incoming Disciple students then can be accommodated in a new year, non-Disciples may be asked to move and will be notified in a timely manner in the spring. Because of the nature of the community that develops, the House hopes such situations do not occur.

Space Available: The House has several types of spaces available. Ten single rooms are available in two sizes, approximately 12'6" x 9' or 15'3" x 12". Bathrooms are shared between two rooms. No furniture is provided with the rooms, although beds, bookcases, and desks are

sometimes available. Ten apartments are two-room spaces with kitchenettes and private bathrooms. The living room/kitchen area is approximately 12'x15' and the bedroom is 10'x10'. No furniture is included in the apartments.

Community Kitchen: Residents in single rooms have use of the community kitchen on the main floor, where they are assigned cupboard, refrigerator and freezer space. Kitchen users are expected to keep the common kitchen clean.

Rent and Fees, 2021-22:

Apartments:

Monthly Rent: \$785 per month

Disciples of Christ discounted rate: \$410 per month

Large rooms:

Monthly Rent: \$545 per month

Disciples of Christ discounted rate: \$210 per month

Small rooms:

Monthly Rent: \$495 per month

Disciples of Christ discounted rate: \$190 per month

Rent is due in advance, on the first of the month.

Annual Adjustment: Rents and fees are reviewed and adjusted annually. As decisions are made, residents and prospective residents will be informed of changes.

Security deposit: At the time of acceptance for residence, each new resident is required to pay an amount equal to 2 months rent. This payment is for the room security deposit and for the last month's rent. All of this deposit will be refunded when the resident moves out of the House unless the Dean of Disciples Divinity House determines that the room or apartment has been left in an unsatisfactory condition, some or all of the deposit will be retained by DDH to pay for cleaning.

Key Deposit: \$10 deposit for each room key. \$25 for each outside door security key.

House Community Activity Fee: \$100 per academic year. This fee covers the cost of House meals and supports House events. It is

assessed at move-in.

Parking Fee: the annual, non-refundable parking fee for each resident who has a car for which they wish to reserve one parking lot space is \$100.

Pet Fee: the annual, non-refundable pet fee is \$50, which funds special cleanup required at move-out. Since space is limited and shared with others, pets generally are not advisable at the House. However, special permission for small animals may be granted. If a pet becomes a problem to neighbors, it may be necessary to ask the pet to leave.

Non-Disciples applications: will usually be held until June 1, when the office will review the pool of applicants in light of available space, especially the need to balance men and women in shared bathroom situations. We will make every effort to notify applicants as soon as possible about availability.

Background checks: in completing an application, any applicant gives permission to the DDH office administrators to see the results of any criminal background checks done by the Vanderbilt Divinity School.

APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCE

Disciples Divinity House

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(615) 321-0380

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NOTE: *Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) students also filling out the application for scholarship support need not repeat information provided on that form. Please complete and return only this section of the application by mail or email attachment. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received.*

Name:

Current Address:

Permanent Address, if different than above:

Email:

Phone numbers where you can be reached:

Degree program and beginning date intended at
Vanderbilt:

Preferred move-in date:

Type of space desired: Single_____Apartment_____

Religious/denominational affiliation:

Home church membership:

References: If you are not a Disciple applicant for MDiv scholarship support, we request names and contact information of 3 references who can speak to your character, responsibility, and ability to get along with others in a community living situation. One of these should be a former landlord or roommate, if possible.

As part of this application for housing, I grant access to my background check at Vanderbilt Divinity School to the administration of Disciples Divinity House for the purposes of screening my application for close residential community. I understand that this information will only be used for this purpose and will not be shared in other ways.

Signature:

Date:

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