

Students' Cooperative Association

Membership Application

Full name: _____ **Today's date:** _____

Thank you for applying for membership with the Students' Cooperative Association. We accept applications from students and non-students (18+). Priority goes to students, but non-students are welcome to apply and will be considered based on student to non-student ratios in their house of interest. This application is an important part of the membership process, but it is not the only factor considered for membership. If you are in the Eugene area, you can get to know us by stopping by and hanging out after communicating with a member of the house of your interest to see if the cooperative lifestyle is right for you. If you're not in the area but still want to get to know us, we can arrange a phone/zoom interview to accommodate your needs.

COVID-19 Note: *Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we no longer accept drop-by visits. If you would like to get to know us better, consider alternative options to get to know the co-ops, such as applying to be a boarder, scheduling a meet up in advance, or scheduling a video call.*

**OBTAINING, FILLING OUT, AND TURNING IN THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE
MEMBERSHIP TO, OR FOR THE SCA.**

Our membership process:

- I. Receipt and dissemination of application to house members
- II. Meeting and deliberation; vote to interview
- III. Interview scheduling (if applicable)
- IV. Final vote
- V. Communication of decision

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (AT LEAST 1 ½-2 MONTHS
BEFOREHAND) TO ALLOW FOR TIMELY REVIEW.**

The membership coordinator will confirm receipt of your application within two weeks. If you have not heard from us by that time, please call or email to ensure we have received it. Applicants will be considered for membership as openings occur; we do not have specific application deadlines. When there are no current openings, we will keep applications in a pool for up to one year. Applicants will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Interest in the cooperative life and ability to work in a cooperative manner
- Involvement in their community or school
- Personal references

While house-specific needs may be taken into consideration, the Eugene Students' Cooperative Association does not base membership decisions on any protected classes including, but not limited to, race, gender, marital status, sexuality, religion, national origin, ability, source of income, or ethnicity.

If you have any questions or need help filling out this application, please contact us at sca.weownit@gmail.com. In addition, we have a google form application available at this link if the PDF version proves a barrier to you. Be sure to let the office know you intend to submit your application that way. <https://forms.gle/P1grduxCA2j3MGtN8>

BEFORE YOU BEGIN THIS APPLICATION, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND A FEW THINGS ABOUT THE CO-OPS. PLEASE INITIAL THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO INDICATE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THESE REQUIREMENTS:

___ I will live with people who come from different classes, gender identities, and racial and ethnic backgrounds from my own.

___ I will be expected to do the agreed upon labor decided at house job meetings. For example, this may look like 4-5 hours of chores a week, small work parties a couple times a term to get bigger house projects done, and/or elected positions you consent to.

___ All three houses are working to be safer spaces for applicants with marginalized identities, such as race, gender, and sexuality. Overt or covert discrimination and bigotry will not be tolerated in this community, but they do come up, as is a symptom of existing within a White Supremacist system. The ability to self-educate, take critical feedback, and grow is essential to living in the co-ops.

___ I will attend mandatory weekly meetings (usually Sunday nights) and attend other required SCA meetings.

___ Other SCA members and I will use consensus to make decisions & determine house and SCA policies, including those listed above.

___ Upon joining the SCA, I will attend orientation workshops and trainings.

YOU MUST SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED BY MEMBERSHIP:

- ☐ Completed application: Please print or type. If filling out an application by hand, use black or blue pen only.
- ☐ Proof of income: Written proof of your source of income you will use to pay for your living expenses. E.g., a copy of your most recent bank statement or pay stub, an offer for financial aid, or a letter from your parents or other responsible party stating that they will be supporting you financially.
- ☐ Proof of enrollment (if applicable): Copy of acceptance letter, transcripts, letter from advisor, or recent schedule of classes.

Note: If you are not attending higher education at this time, this does not necessarily bar you from entry from the SCA. Simply mention so on this application and your status will be considered.

- ☐ Proof of spay/neuter and current vaccinations for animals (if applicable)
- ☐ Autobiographical statement: See on page 16 of this application.

**YOUR APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO
SCA.WEOWNIT@GMAIL.COM**

Electronic submission is preferred, however if you need to submit a hard copy, applications may also be mailed to or dropped off at the SCA office, located in the Lorax Manner at 1648 Alder St. Eugene, OR 97401. A google forms version of this application is available at the link above.

IF YOU ARE ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER, YOU MUST PAY YOUR FIRST MONTH OF FEES AND A DEPOSIT UPON MOVE IN.

Personal Information & House Preference

Full Legal Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Pronouns: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Current Address: _____

Check the term in which you wish to move in. If you're flexible, mark multiple terms. If you intend to move in during the middle of a term, please let us know.

☐ FALL ☐ WINTER ☐ SPRING ☐ SUMMER 20____

Please indicate your desired/estimated move-in date: _____

Have you ever been a resident or boarder of the SCA? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If so, what terms/years? _____

Have you ever been denied membership with the SCA? (Answering 'yes' to this question does not necessarily disqualify you from membership) ☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you ever had your membership or tenancy terminated by the SCA and/or another housing organization (Answering 'yes' to this question does not necessarily disqualify you from membership)? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, explain:

What institution of higher learning will you be enrolled in while living at the SCA?

What kind of student are you?

☐ Undergrad ☐ Graduate ☐ Post-baccalaureate

What year are you in school? _____ How many credits will you be taking? _____

What's your major? _____

Please prioritize your choice of houses, 1-3, and select your room size preference:

Campbell Club ____

☐ Single

Lorax Manner ____

☐ Small single (wing room)

Janet Smith House ____

☐ Double

If your choice of room or household is not available, would you be willing to be assigned to another house and/or room? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If you have a strong preference for one house or will only consider living in one or two of the houses, please let us know:

Are you willing to be placed on a waiting list for an open housing spot?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Do you have any relevant allergies? E.g.: Food, animals, dust, etc. The houses are old and can collect dust although house chores try their best to mitigate the harm of dust. In addition, houses tend to have pets (E.g.: cats, occasionally dogs) that may present a dander or fur issue that should be considered before moving in.

Do you have any accommodations (physical, cultural etc.) to request? E.g. a space for prayer, a first-floor room.

How long do you expect to live in these houses? If you don't know that's okay.

Do you have a pet you'd like to bring? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Pet Description:

N.B. House members will need to approve the addition of any pets prior to moving your pet in. All large animals (cats, dogs, etc.) require proof of spay/neuter and up-to-date vaccinations before approval.

What are your pet's needs (outdoor/indoor/other) and how do they tend to interact with other animals?

How did you hear about us?

Short Essay Section

Please read each prompt/question thoroughly, as they may contain multiple parts. We recommend each response be at least **one paragraph** long. Please be as detailed as you're comfortable with; we want to get to know you! You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. Why do you want to become a member-owner of a housing cooperative? What do you know about housing cooperative organizations (ours or others), and what about this model appeals to you?

2. Tell us what you know about our community in particular, even if it's not much. What is your general impression of the SCA (or SCA house you're applying to), and why does it appeal to you? What values, morals, interests, hobbies, etc. do you think you might share with other members?

3. Other than the basics of cooperative living (doing jobs, getting along with & working well with others, etc.), what unique and/or useful skills or knowledge do you bring to a group? Provide an example of how you have applied one or more of these skills in a past living, work, school, or cooperative group situation. How do you plan on applying some of these here?

4. Living and helping in a cooperative is a unique experience and cooperative living requires cooperative solutions. Describe at least one experience you've had with a difficult or stressful living, work, or organizing situation that involves a group of people. What was the situation, why did it come about, and how did you collaborate with others to deal with it? What was the outcome, and what did you learn from the experience?

5. **Part 1:** Our community consists of members from various backgrounds, differing in gender, orientation, age, income level, immigration status, and ethnicities. We aim to challenge oppression of all kinds and foster a culture of support and solidarity, as well as respectful interactions. Generally, how do you go about addressing or intervening when you witness someone being oppressive or discriminatory towards others? **Part 2:** In addition, many people have **intersecting identities** that may lead to them being both oppressed **and** the oppressor in different contexts. (IE: A White, queer person benefits from **White Supremacy** but is oppressed by **homophobia and transphobia**). Where do you see your own identities existing along these intersections? How do you challenge your own indoctrination into oppressive systems?

6. Living with so many different types of people can be challenging, and we can occasionally clash with, hurt, or offend those around us without intending to. Describe a situation where you took responsibility for a mistake you made. (Think of a time you realized you were in the wrong.) What was your mistake and what led you to make it? What led you to recognize your responsibility in the matter, and what did you do to take accountability for your actions? What was the outcome, and what did you learn?

7. Please describe any volunteer work, organizing, activism, or meaningful experiences in which you have participated in dismantling oppressive systems, especially Racism and White Supremacy. What issues matter to you? Do you see yourself continuing this work while living in the SCA?

8. Please tell us how you wish to exist within a cooperative community. Feel free to ramble and be creative! For example; how do you relate or enjoy hanging out with your peers, or people you share a space with? What are your values, goals, frustrations, and aspirations for a community you would potentially live in? How would you plan to help create an intentional community, with the help of other members?

Autobiographical Statement

Please craft an autobiographical statement. Tell us about yourself in all your glory. Be creative! There are no right or wrong answers. Applicants may submit brief essays, poems, short stories, or drawings.

If you are submitting a non-written autobiographical statement or if your statement does not fit below, please email it as a .doc, .jpeg or .pdf file.

Scale-o-Matic 7000

Please describe yourself in our Scale-o-Matic 7000. It's awesome and easy! Simply choose the number(s) that best describe you, and then describe **why** in a few words below.

Night Owl 1☐ 2☐ 3☐ 4☐ 5☐ 6☐ 7☐ 8☐ 9☐ 10☐ **Early Bird**

Comments: _____

Extrovert 1☐ 2☐ 3☐ 4☐ 5☐ 6☐ 7☐ 8☐ 9☐ 10☐ **Introvert**

Comments: _____

Studious 1☐ 2☐ 3☐ 4☐ 5☐ 6☐ 7☐ 8☐ 9☐ 10☐ **Partier**

Comments: _____

Non-smoker 1☐ 2☐ 3☐ 4☐ 5☐ 6☐ 7☐ 8☐ 9☐ 10☐ **Smoker**

Comments: _____

Loud 1☐ 2☐ 3☐ 4☐ 5☐ 6☐ 7☐ 8☐ 9☐ 10☐ **Quiet**

Comments: _____

Team member 1☐ 2☐ 3☐ 4☐ 5☐ 6☐ 7☐ 8☐ 9☐ 10☐ **Leader**

Comments: _____

Meat-eater 1☐ 2☐ 3☐ 4☐ 5☐ 6☐ 7☐ 8☐ 9☐ 10☐ **Vegan**

Comments: _____

Doer 1☐ 2☐ 3☐ 4☐ 5☐ 6☐ 7☐ 8☐ 9☐ 10☐ **Thinker**

Comments: _____

References

Please list 3 references (excluding family and current SCA members), their addresses, phone numbers and/or email. Specify their relationship to you. If possible, include a previous landlord, employer, and/or housemate. Other references may include teachers, adult friends, coworkers, and mentors. **Your application will not be considered unless 3 references are provided.**

REFERENCE 1:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

REFERENCE 2:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

REFERENCE 3:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

The Fine Print:

I affirm that this application is true and complete and I understand that falsification or omission constitutes grounds for immediate eviction and forfeiture of all deposits and fees paid. I give the Students' Cooperative Association permission to verify any and/or all information prior acceptance. Upon acceptance, I agree to pay the full room deposit, which includes a \$35.00 key deposit and \$40.00 non-refundable lifetime NASCO membership fee.

Signed: _____ Date: _____