

# Penington Friends House Residency Application

Please fill out this application completely and return with **\$20.00 processing fee**. Please devote your best effort to the essays as we value those a lot in picking candidates to interview.

What is your full legal name?

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What is your professional or chosen name, if different?

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What are your preferred pronouns?

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Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your email address? \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your date of birth?

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With what race / ethnicity do you identify?

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What is your gender?

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Marital Status:

\_\_\_\_ Married    \_\_\_\_ Single

Occupation ( current occupation or if retired, primary past occupation )

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The answers to the following questions will not in any way be used to disqualify you as a candidate for residency. We are not looking for any particular answers, just honest ones.

Date / Length of desired residency

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During your residency do you plan to be:

Employed

Attending School

doing research

other..... please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information of employer, school, or institution:

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Do you smoke?  Yes  No

Do you have any special needs which require attention? If so, what?

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How did you learn about the Penington Friends House?

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Why is living here your choice at this time?

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We are a Quaker non-profit. As Quakers we try to live by five concepts and practices:

**Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equalist, and Stewardship (SPICES).** How does your life relate to the SPICES practices? Be specific.

What experiences have you had with the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)?

List 3 references with contact information.

## QUERIES TO THINK ABOUT

A residence like ours changes according to the personalities and the lives of all the individuals within it, including yours should you become a member of the house. For this reason, it may be difficult to make a commitment to a group of people you have not yet come to know. These guidelines will help you to understand the kind of atmosphere at PFH. Please get in touch with your reactions to them and assess how you feel about them. **You do NOT need to write your reactions**; just get in touch with them for your own info.

Will you be responsible to the House for sharing responsibilities doing house jobs well and on time? Will you respect and abide by House policies?

Will you be responsible to the House by expressing your concerns, needs and feelings while taking into account those of others? Are your recreations those which will renew your physical, mental and spiritual strength without causing harm to you or others?

Do you recognize that Friends avoid and discourage the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages? Are you aware that the use of illegal drugs jeopardizes the existence of the residence as well as the welfare of those who use them?

Are you willing to make a commitment of your own time for the betterment of the house and community at large, unconditionally and without expectations?

Will you make our shared home a place of hospitality, friendliness and peace, where the spirit of the household may become a model for all resident and all who visit here?

Are you willing to advocate for yourself while also leaving space for others? Can you commit to sharing ideas and helping make decisions based on seeking the best overall answer and not relying on tactics like anger, persuasion, and the need to always be right or getting your way?

In your own way, do you work toward the building of social justice based on the equality of all people? Our house is racially diverse and welcomes and celebrates the LGBT community. Black Lives Matter to us. Are you open to seeing the divine in all those you live with and come into contact with regardless of sexuality, race, age, gender, ability, or faith?

## PERSONAL ESSAY

Please comment briefly on the following. We do not know you yet, so please tell us about yourself. You might want to consider the following ideas, but do not limit yourself to them:

What are your life philosophies? What are your personal goals and aspirations? What is one of your most memorable personal experiences? Please tell us what you know about Quaker principles and about community living. You might consider sharing why you would like to live at the Penington Friends House. What does the concept of community mean to you? What would you hope to add to the quality of life at the Penington? How would you make it a better place if you are accepted?

Personal Essay:

That was a lot to fill in and think about! Thank you for taking the time to do this!

Please mail back to:

PENINGTON FRIENDS HOUSE  
Attn: Managers  
215 E 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10003

BE SURE TO INCLUDE the \$20 Check or Money Order for processing.

Questions? Contact Robin or Todd Drake at 212-773-1730

