

Application for LCM Housing Scholarship Program

The mission of the LCM residential program is to provide LCM students at U of M with low-cost, centrally located housing in a supportive, healthy, and safe environment, so that they can complete their degrees on time and with a lower financial burden.

Housing is located on site at 801 S. Forest Ave. (the SE corner of Forest and Hill) and Scholarship includes a single furnished bedroom, shared bathroom, and a full kitchen. Scholarship recipients contribute a utilities fee of \$200/month to defray the cost of water, electricity, heat, and WiFi. The bedrooms are air-conditioned. The building includes the Vida Student Common Space, a communal area with couches and tables. Washer and dryer are available on the premises. We are a community that is committed to caring for the environment. Student residents are expected to commit to living by principles that reduce waste and energy consumption, and engage in composting, recycling and proper use of landfill services, and engage in stewardship and care for the building that will be their home.

A communal refrigerator, stove and microwave are provided in the apartment kitchen. The use of space heaters and personal appliances (dorm refrigerators, personal microwaves, hot plates, etc.) is acceptable, but a \$10/month fee, per appliance, will be assessed both in order to discourage use of personal appliances and in order to help us recoup costs of providing electricity for these appliances. Smoking and pets are not allowed inside the building.

There is no parking available to student residents. If a student resident has a car, they will need to find alternative parking.

Eligibility

To be eligible, students must:

1. be a U-M undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a degree-granting program for the current academic year;
2. be in good academic standing;
3. describe how this residency program would help them financially;
4. express the ability and willingness to support and participate in the LoL/LCM community;
5. demonstrate openness to the inclusive values of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a curiosity about their own spiritual journey in community. (See <http://www.elca.org> and <http://www.lcm-um.org>).

How to Apply

- Send an email to Jamie Miller at lol-lcm@comcast.net with "LCM Apartment Application" in the subject line.
- Attach a short personal statement (600 words or less) that tells us your story and helps us to know why you would be a good fit for this inclusive, eco-conscious community. Include information regarding your employment and work experience and involvement in campus activities, as well as some general information about any experience with spiritual communities. At the end, include times you are available for an interview.
- Attach two letters of recommendation.

Deadline: Applications should be received *asap*. Spaces will be granted on a rolling basis.

Selection: Applicants will be invited for an interview via Zoom and selected by a committee comprised of LCM staff and board.

Notification: Students will be notified by email as soon as we have made our decision.

Move-in: Students may move in to the apartment the week beginning on the Monday before classes begin. An orientation session and welcome meal will be held shortly after all students have moved in. At this meeting, students will create a framework for how they will live with and support one another in community.