



Thank you for your interest in Life Houses, Inc.

Life Houses seeks to partner with young men and women who are willing to be a part of a community; desire to grow personally and spiritually and want to be taught the necessary life skills to live successful, self-sufficient lives.

Our application process is designed to help us understand you and guide us to select residents who will thrive with Life Houses. We work closely with each applicant; carefully and prayerfully considering each application while making our decision. The information you provide helps us get to know you better. There are no right or wrong answers, and we error on the side of vulnerability. With that in mind, please answer all questions as carefully and honestly as possible.

If you have any questions please call: (406) 459-5250 or email us at: [lifehousesinc@gmail.com](mailto:lifehousesinc@gmail.com). Information is also available at [www.life-houses.org](http://www.life-houses.org)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s: Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Other Address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

I would be like to start working with Life Houses by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact in case of an emergency:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



## EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Life Houses charges a fee to all young adults in the amount of \$375.00 per month. If accepted, how will you pay?

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Are you currently employed? Yes No      If yes: Full-Time Part-Time

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your job responsibilities:

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## TRANSPORTATION

Do you have a Driver's License? Yes No

Do you have a vehicle? Yes No

Do you have insurance? Yes No

Are there reasons why you do not drive and if so what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

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## EDUCATION

Have you graduated from high school? Yes No

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_. If no, what was your highest grade completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply regarding your current educational status:

Not a student\_\_\_\_ Current College/Trade student \_\_\_\_ College/Trade graduate\_\_\_\_

Current Full-time High School student \_\_\_\_ Current Access student\_\_\_\_



If you have not yet attended college or trade school, do you plan to attend? Yes No

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Do you have a bank account? Yes No

Do you have past due bills that need to be paid? Yes No

Do you have recurring bills (cell phone)? Yes No

## SELF-CARE

Are you a recovering alcoholic or addict? Yes No

If yes, please complete the following:

Have you been to chemical dependency treatment? Yes No

If yes, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

When was your last date of substance use? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently participating in an outpatient chemical dependency treatment? Yes No

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently on probation? Yes No Not Applicable

If yes, who is your Probation Officer? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive case management from a mental health provider for serious mental illness?

Yes No

Are you a young adult who has aged out of the foster care system? Yes No

Have you ever been the victim of parental or relationship violence/abuse? Yes No

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Yes No



## ATTITUDES AND RELATIONSHIPS

Briefly describe your family dynamics:

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How did you hear about Life Houses?

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Why do you want join Life Houses?

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What do you believe God has called you to do with your life?

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What is your definition of leadership?

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What is your definition of accountability?

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What qualities do you think are necessary for a person to have in order to live with several other people?

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If you are accepted into Life House, are you willing to make a six-month commitment? Yes      No

Please give three references of people who are well acquainted with you:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

The information given above is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Life Houses, Inc. Policy Handbook

### **Fee**

Life Houses, Inc is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit; our goal is to support young adults (YA), ages 18-29, in the growth process of becoming responsible, independent, members of our community. In order to do so we ask that each YA pay a monthly fee. The fee is based upon operating costs. Some young adults join Life Houses without employment or other means to pay. Life Houses works with young adults to secure employment. During the interim, Life Houses, Inc. may cover the cost of the fee until the YA has secured a method to pay for up to three months. If three months passes and the YA is still without employment, the YA's efforts to secure employment will be reviewed by the Board, staff and Influencers, with attention given to extenuating (or mitigating) circumstances. When the situation warrants, the YA will be asked to leave.

### **Group Meetings**

Life Houses meetings are mandatory. If a YA has three unexcused absences from meetings during a three-month period, the YA's commitment will be reviewed by the Board, staff and Influencers, with attention given to extenuating (or mitigating) circumstances. When the situation warrants, the YA will be asked to leave.

### **Influencer Meetings and Strengths Plan**

A Life Houses Influencer will meet with each new YA within the first two weeks of stay to develop an initial Strengths Plan. This is a cooperative effort between the YA and Life Houses, it will include categories of life skills necessary to live independently and identify areas of improvement for each YA. An Influencer will follow up and document updates on a monthly basis with each YA.

YAs are welcome to stay with Life Houses for a period of up to two years at which time a conversation will then be had and an exit strategy will be made.

If six months pass and the YA is not making progress towards their individual Strengths Plan, the YA's efforts will be reviewed by the Board, staff and Influencers, with attention given to extenuating (or mitigating) circumstances. When the situation warrants, the YA will be asked to leave.

### **Employment**

It is the expectation of each Life Houses YA to become employed within the first month. Life Houses Influencers will help with resume building, applications, and referrals if necessary. If a YA is not seeking employment, the expectation is that the YA is enrolled and participating in a High School (Equivalency) program or degree seeking institute of higher education. If three months passes and the YA is still without employment, the YA's efforts to secure employment will be reviewed by the Board, staff and Influencers, with attention given to extenuating (or mitigating) circumstances. When the situation warrants, the YA will be asked to leave.



### **Absence**

Life Houses, Inc's YA thrives when healthy relationships are formed amongst all YA, staff, Influencers, and Board members. When a YA is absent without explanation, it creates worry. If a YA is repeatedly absent overnight without prior communication with the Life Houses family, the YA's behavior will be reviewed by the Board, staff, and Influencers, with attention given to extenuating (or mitigating) circumstances. When the situation warrants, the YA will be asked to leave.

### **Firearms**

No firearms are allowed on Life Houses Inc. properties. If this policy is not followed and the situation warrants, the YA will be asked to leave.

### **Drugs & Alcohol**

Jackson Life Houses Inc. properties are both drug, alcohol, and tobacco free. Regardless of legal age, no alcohol is to be stored or consumed on the premises. No illicit drugs or non-prescribed prescriptions are allowed on Life House Inc. property, nor will the use of them be permitted.

Life Houses builds relationships with young adults who come from all different backgrounds, in the event that substance use is a part of a YA's history, we require 30-days of sobriety prior to moving in.

If Board member(s), staff, and/or Influencers believe a young adult to be under the influence alcohol or drugs, the individual's response plan will be followed with discretion to also seek medical attention.

In all above mentioned situations, if warranted, the YA will be asked to leave.

### **Right to Enter**

In the event that Life Houses Board, Staff, or Influencers believe there to be illicit drugs and/or alcohol in a YA's room, Life Houses reserves the right to enter the room without the YA present. If alcohol is found, it will be discarded. If illicit drugs and/or paraphernalia are found the individual's response plan will be followed with discretion to also contact law enforcement.

In the event that Life Houses Board, staff, or influencers believe there to be an unsafe situation in a YA's room that may present harm to self or others, Life Houses reserves the right to enter the room without the YA present.

At the discretion of the Board member(s), staff, or Influencer(s) present, law enforcement or medical providers may be contacted if there is concern of harm to self or others.

There are no locks allowed on bedroom doors, if there is a lock found on a door Life Houses will remove it and replace it with a knob that does not lock and the YA will be billed the cost.

In all above mentioned situations, if warranted, the YA will be asked to leave.



**Confidentiality**

Life Houses Inc. Board, Staff, and Influencers respect the unique backgrounds of each of our YA and commit to maintain confidentiality regarding sensitive information. We commit to only sharing information in the event that our YA signs a release of information for us to do so with the requesting agency.

**By signing below, I am committing and agreeing to the above Life Houses Inc. policies:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_