

O.U.R. Ecovillage Cooperative Membership Application

Information about Membership

Am I eligible to become a member?

If you've reached the age of 16, you are eligible to apply for membership in O.U.R. Ecovillage Cooperative.

How do I become a member?

Before filling out any paperwork, we ask that you inform yourself about O.U.R. Ecovillage: come for a tour, have a talk with one or more of the members, read the Memorandum and Rules (by-laws) of the cooperative. We also suggest you read books like *Finding Community* and *Creating a Life Together* both of which are by Diana Leafe Christian and published by New Society Publishers. From there, your next steps will be to fill out the membership application form, which includes a personal questionnaire, and submit a \$100 non-refundable application fee.

Your application will then go on to the Membership Committee, who may ask to meet with you to better evaluate your application. They may ask for more information. If your application is accepted, you will need to complete and sign a membership agreement and a membership share subscription agreement. Please be aware that we cannot estimate how long this process will take; we respect your desire to become a member of O.U.R. Ecovillage Cooperative and will deal with your application as quickly as possible. Take note that a membership share costs \$5,000.00. We recommend that you seek independent financial advice before making this investment.

What do I get for my membership?

Members are the shareholders in OUR Ecovillage Cooperative which has been established to own and manage the ecovillage property. In addition to a share and all the voting and decision-making privileges it accords you, your rights are outlined in the Membership Agreement.

What are my responsibilities?

As a member, you are responsible for the decisions made and actions taken in the name of the cooperative. Your responsibilities are outlined in the Membership Agreement.

Please remember that we are always willing to answer any questions you may have. We recognize that all this paperwork may be daunting. It is only the first step and will never replace the personal contact that builds community. To get in touch with a membership advisor, please email O.U.R. Coop Liaison at coop@ourecoovillage.org. Your request will be honoured as soon as possible.

Yours in community,

On behalf of O.U.R. Ecovillage Cooperative Membership Committee

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Declaration

I wish to become a member of O.U.R. Ecovillage Cooperative. As a responsible potential member, I have informed myself about OUR Ecovillage Cooperative. I have read and do fully support the Rules and the Memorandum of Association of O.U.R. Ecovillage Cooperative.

If my application is accepted, I agree to purchase a minimum of one membership share; I understand that membership shares cost \$5,000.00 each and carry a risk. I understand that the Cooperative has advised me to make my own arrangements to seek independent financial advice before considering making this investment.

I also agree to sign the Membership Agreement and the Membership Share Subscription Agreement if I am accepted as a member. I agree to abide by all the responsibilities outlined in these agreements.

I have enclosed the \$100 non-refundable application fee.

Signature

Name in full

Full mailing address

Telephone Number

E-mail address

Preferred method of contact (check one) _____ telephone _____ e-mail

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Membership Applicant Questionnaire

Taking the time to answer these questions will allow the Membership Committee to better evaluate your application. We appreciate your time and your candor. Should you need more space, please feel free to use additional paper.

How did you come to know about O.U.R. Ecovillage?

Why do you want to become a member of O.U.R. Ecovillage Cooperative?

What specific activities or functions at O.U.R. Ecovillage interest you?

How do you see yourself participating at O.U.R. Ecovillage?

How much time are you willing and able to contribute to O.U.R. Ecovillage Cooperative (per year, month, week, day)?

In which areas would you like to see O.U.R. Ecovillage expand; are you willing to work towards such an expansion?

Do you know anyone at O.U.R. Ecovillage? If so, please tell us who.

Please provide us with the names and contact information of three (3) personal references that we may talk to:

If there are any questions about O.U.R. Ecovillage Cooperative that you would like answered, please ask them here:

Your name in full

Telephone number

E-mail

Date

Thank you for your application.