

FAQ OR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRINITY HOUSE

How and where do I apply? You can obtain a Trinity House application at the Trinity House, Collegiate Christian Fellowship (CCF) office, or on-line at www.thetrinityhouse.com. A \$50 application fee (checks made payable to First Baptist Church) is required with your application submission.

If I cancel my application, do I get my application fee back? No, the application fee is non-refundable. If you are selected for residency in the House, however, your application fee will be applied toward your House fee.

When should I apply to the House? The sooner the better, since the House can quickly fill up for the school year. Keep in mind however, that applications received before Nov. 1 will not begin to be considered until on or after Nov. 1 for the following school year (e.g. for residency in the fall of 2008, applications will begin to be reviewed on Nov. 1, 2007). Once the House fills up for the school year, a waiting list will be started.

Do I have to pay a deposit every year? No. When you pay your deposit the first time, you will not have to pay it again, as long as your residency in the House is continuous (i.e., you remain in the House for consecutive years).

How are roommates selected? A questionnaire is sent to all incoming residents during the summer months (usually in July) that asks various questions about roommate preferences, personal habits, interests, etc. Based on questionnaire answers, roommates are matched as closely as possible.

Can we request a roommate? Yes. If you know another resident who will be coming into the House in the fall (or you know someone already in the House who wants you to room with them), you may request that person as a roommate. We will work hard to honor those requests, although we will not guarantee them.

Can I bring a PC? Yes. It is recommended that you bring a desktop or a laptop. The laptop will provide you with more versatility, especially if you have limited desk space.

Do I have Internet access in the House? Yes. All rooms have high-speed Internet access provided at no extra charge.

Am I allowed to have friends stay overnight? Friends of the same gender may stay overnight. If they are going to stay longer than two days, you need to let the House Manager know in advance. If your friend is of the opposite sex, let the House Manager know and they may be able to help find a suitable place for your friend to stay.

When is my rent due and where do I send my payment? Rent payments are due the 15th of the month for the following month's rent (for example: November rent is due October 15), with the exception of the first month, September, which is due on Sept. 25. A late fee of \$2.00/day will be assessed if your payment is late. Payments (checks made payable to First Baptist Church) should be given to the Trinity House Manager on or before the due date.

Can I pay more than one month at a time? Yes, some residents choose to pay for a quarter at a time,

and in a few cases, for the whole year.

Is there a lease involved? Yes. The monthly payment is the total lease amount for an academic year divided into nine (9) equal payments. Please see the sample lease on the Trinity House website.

Am I allowed to have the opposite sex visit? Yes, provided they follow the visitation hours and guidelines in the House Policy and as directed by House leadership.

Is there parking for new residents? There are a limited number of parking spaces and parking permits for residents. These are given out based on House seniority. There is an option to park on the streets in accordance with city code requirements.

Is alcohol allowed in the House or on House property? No.

Is smoking allowed in the House or on House property? No.

How safe is the Trinity House? The Trinity Staff are very safety conscious. The House Handbook mandates that exterior doors to the House remain locked at all times, guests must check in, vendors must set appointments and check in with House management before entering the premises, and exterior lighting must be operational. Residents are encouraged to always carry their keys with them and to always lock their room doors when they leave. Guests that visit residents are required to be escorted by the resident they are visiting. The escort policy exists so that "strangers" do not have free access to your home.

Who is responsible for cleaning? Residents are responsible for cleaning their own rooms. Residents are also responsible for fulfilling their weekly house cleaning duties (e.g. vacuuming the first floor, cleaning bathrooms, etc.)

How does the meal schedule work? Meals are provided every weekday, but not on weekends, school holidays, or vacations (e.g. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break, summer)

What's the food like at the Trinity House? The Trinity House Cook seeks to provide a variety of quality and nutritious meals. It is often rated by residents as an aspect of the House they enjoy the most.

Are we allowed electrical appliances? Yes and No. A list of acceptable and unacceptable appliances is found in the Trinity House Handbook. Nothing, however, that has an open coil is permitted.

What furniture do I need? Residents will not need any furniture except desk lamps. All other furniture is provided.

Do I need insurance? Or, how do I protect my belongings from being damaged or stolen? The House is not responsible for damaged (e.g. fire or water damage) or stolen property. Please check with your parent's homeowner's insurance to make sure your belongings are covered. If they are not, it is strongly recommended that you purchase renter's insurance to protect yourself and your belongings. Renter's insurance is often available at a reasonable cost from the company you have your auto insurance through.

Are there laundry facilities? Yes. In the basement of the House there are coin-operated washing machines and dryers available for the residents.

Where will my mail go? You will have a mailbox assigned to you at the House.

Are we allowed pets? No. Due to health, allergy, safety, and damage concerns, pets are not allowed. Pets include, but are not limited to, dogs, cats, mice, rats, gerbils, snakes, birds, turtles, fish, lions, tigers, aardvarks and ant colonies.

What are quiet hours? All residents must observe quiet hours which are established by the House Manager. In general, if you can hear noise or music outside a resident's room, it is too loud.

What are allowable decorations? You are requested to use non-stick tape in your room. Questionable signs or decor (which do not support the purpose of the House or which you wouldn't want your parents to see), should not be put up. The House Manager has a right to have questionable material taken down.

Do we need telephones? No, there is a House phone; however, it is highly recommended you have your own cell phone.

What about visitation? Parents are welcome at any time. Siblings must be accompanied by parents or resident.

What should I bring with me as a new resident?

- Appropriate linens (sheets, blankets, towels, etc.) for standard, regular-size, twin bed
- Pillows
- Clothing for all seasons, including a jacket or coat
- Umbrella
- Alarm clock
- Backpack or other bag for carrying books and other supplies
- Desk Lamp
- Computer and printer
- Personal items
- Items used to decorate or personalize your living space - within limits outlined in the Trinity House Handbook (e.g. pictures, wall hangings, etc.)

What are some foundational scripture references for the Trinity House?

Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. (Ps. 127:1a NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

⁴Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Phil. 2:3-4 NIV)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

(1 Tim. 4:12 NIV)

A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

³⁵By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:34-35 NIV)

