



FORESTWOOD
CO-OPERATIVE HOMES INCORPORATED

Application for Membership

Dear Applicant (s):

Thank-you for your interest in Forestwood Co-operative Homes Inc. Forestwood Co-op is a non-profit housing alternative for families in the Mississauga area.

Its purpose is to provide homes which are affordable, well designed, and properly maintained. In addition we strive to build a supportive and stable community where families of mixed incomes work co-operatively to manage their common affairs.

In selecting these families, the Co-op looks for people who will honour their obligations to the Co-op, respect the rights of their neighbours, and be willing to do their part to make the community work.

All units are supplied with a fridge and stove. Members are expected to make their own arrangements, cable, telephone and internet.

Members may have pets in accordance with the Municipal By-Laws for the City of Mississauga and Forestwood Co-op.

In order to be considered for membership applicants must demonstrate the following:

1. A history of successfully managing their personal finances.
2. A history of paying their rent or housing charges and/or any other fees for accommodations in full and on time every month.
3. The applicant does not owe money to any other housing provider.
4. The ability to pay for the monthly housing charge for the size unit they are applying for.
5. The number of occupants complies with all municipal, provincial, federal and co-op by-laws, legislations or policies.
6. The applicant is willing to abide by the co-op's by-laws and policies.
7. The applicant has knowledge of co-operative organizations especially housing co-ops.

Note: It is strongly recommended that you do some research on housing co-operatives at your local library and/or on the internet. You may begin by checking out the link to the Peel/Halton Co-operative Housing Federation <http://peelhaltonchf.ca/about-co-op-housing/>

Once you have submitted your application, all information on the application will be verified. Also, all of the above criteria will be evaluated. Should you be successful at that stage you will

be invited to an interview during which you will be able to demonstrate your knowledge of housing co-op's gained from your research. Based upon your performance in the interview, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Directors to either approve or decline your application. It is important to note that those who do not successfully meet the criteria listed above will not be invited to an interview and your application will be declined. The Board does not provide reasons for declining an application.

Upon approval by the Board of Directors, applicants will be placed on a waiting list for the appropriate size unit. When an appropriate size unit becomes available, you will be notified. You will be asked to sign an Occupancy Agreement, and pay a member deposit equivalent to one month's Housing Charge, plus the first month Housing Charge, plus a membership fee of \$15 per adult.

Upon occupancy the member is entitled to all rights and privileges of membership at Forestwood Co-op as long as the member continues to uphold and abide by the terms of the by-laws, agreements, policies, and regulations set by Forestwood Co-op. Each member is entitled to one vote on any item of business for which a vote of the membership is required or sought. These items are generally reviewed and discussed by the membership at one of two annual general membership meetings held each year. There is no voting by proxy.

A member's rights of occupancy may be terminated by a majority decision of the Board of Directors, providing that proper notice has been given in accordance with the Co-op's by-laws.

If you are interested in living at Forestwood Co-op, complete and sign the application and return it to the Co-op office with the following:

- Proof of income for each adult listed on the application.
- Copies of photo identification for everyone listed on the application.
- Proof of citizenship for everyone listed on the application.

Incomplete applications will not be processed therefore all of the above items must be attached to your application in order for your application to be processed. We ask that you contact the office if you have a change of address or if there are any changes to the information contained in your application.

If an applicant refuses an offer for a unit, the application will be deleted from the waiting list.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 905-897-7966.

Co-operatively yours,

Forestwood Co-operative Homes Inc.

Applicants:

A

First Name Last Name

Address

City Province Postal Code

Social Insurance Number

Date of Birth

Home Phone Alt Phone

Email

B

First Name Last Name

Address

City Province Postal Code

Social Insurance Number

Date of Birth

Home Phone Alt Phone

Email

Unit Size Requested

Please select the number of bedrooms required.

First choice: Bachelor 1 2 3 4

Second choice: Bachelor 1 2 3 4

Household Composition

List all members of your household below including those named above:

	First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

Pets

List all pets of your household below:

	Type (eg: Dog, Cat, Bird)	Colour	Description/Name
1			
2			
3			
4			

Volunteerism

As a co-operative we depend upon the help of all members regarding the business, social and maintenance affairs of the co-op. As a result of this participation there is a greater sense of community and we are able to keep our housing charge increases to a minimum. For this reason, skills and experiences in group activities are important resources for the co-op. Please list any volunteer participation or other activity that might prepare you to make a contribution to the Co-op. (Example, service clubs, civic committees, sports, tenants' associations, etc:

Financial Information

The following information is required to complete a proper check of credit worthiness. If it is not completed your application will not be processed).

Applicant A

Name

Employer

Employer's Address

Start Date

Job Title

Manager/Supervisor's Name

Manager's Phone Number

Applicant B

Name

Employer

Employer's Address

Start Date

Job Title

Manager/Supervisor's Name

Manager's Phone Number

Rental/Home Ownership History

Present Landlord's Name

Present Landlord's Phone

Current Rent

Move in date of current address

If there is a reason we should not contact your current landlord you must specify below.

Previous Address

City Province Postal Code

Previous Landlord's Name

Previous Landlord's Phone

Rent

Move in date at this address

Move out date from this address

Previous Address

City Province Postal Code

Previous Landlord's Name

Previous Landlord's Phone

Rent

Move in date at this address

Move out date from this address

Do you owe any monies to any housing provider or rental property?

Have you ever been evicted?

DECLARATION

I/We, the undersigned, do hereby apply for residence and membership in Forestwood Co-operative Homes Inc. I/We understand that the \$15 per adult family member is payable at the time of submission of this application as a non-refundable fee. If membership is confirmed by the Board of Directors and occupancy is offered by the Co-op and I/We accept the offer of occupancy, I/We understand that the application fee will be converted to a membership fee and will thereby guarantee full rights of membership in the Co-operative. I/We declare that the information given on this application form is correct and agree that it may be used for an investigation to establish credit worthiness by way of but not limited to a request for information from a credit bureau. I/We also agree to live in a co-operative situation and will participate in the running of the Co-op and attend all General Members Meetings.

Applicant A signature

Date

Applicant B signature

Date