

## **AO & Trinity House Application Process**

### Applying to the House

Applications for residency are online through the CCF website at [www.fbceugene.com/college](http://www.fbceugene.com/college). In order for us to begin processing your application, we must receive it completed in full with the required \$55.00 non-refundable application fee (checks made payable to First Baptist Church of Eugene, which is applied towards screening costs incurred by FBC).

### Criminal Background Check

House residents must abide by all local, state, and federal laws along with all House resident policies and procedures. Residents or applicants who have criminal convictions may have their application denied or be removed from House residency. The House conducts background checks on all potential residents.

### Deadlines for Application

The House will officially begin accepting completed applications in the fall of the year prior to requested residency. (For example, if you are applying for residency in the Fall of 2023, we will officially accept your application as early as Fall of 2022.) Once the House is full, a waiting list will be started. Since the House can fill up quickly, it is recommended that you apply earlier rather than later. Applicants on the waiting list may also contact the Office to check on their status. Summer applications will be accepted starting May 1st prior to the requested summer residency. Once your completed application and fee are received, you will be notified about the next steps.

### Interviewing Applicants

Interviews will take place in person during Applicant's Weekend or at an arranged time for your convenience in the Spring. You will be contacted by the CCF Admin or House Management for an interview. The purpose of the interview is to help us get to know you better and to help you get to know us better. During the interview, we will also highlight the foundation of the House and answer any questions you may have.

### Official Acceptance into the House

If you are accepted into the House, you will be mailed an official letter of acceptance, a House Contract, and a House Commitment Agreement. You will be asked to carefully read these documents. The House Contract is a binding rental agreement. Once it is signed and returned to FBC, along with the specified deposit, fees, and initial rent payment (as stated in the House Contract), your residency will be confirmed in the House, and you will receive your official seniority status.

### Touring the House

You are always welcome and encouraged to visit the House. We want to do all we can to help you make an informed and wise decision regarding your interest in living at the House. To arrange a time to visit, simply contact the House Manager, Assistant Manager, or CCF Office. Family and friends are always welcome too.

### Requirements For Living At The Houses

There are three basic requirements for living at either of the Houses: 1) Be a college-age male (AO) or female (Trinity) between the ages of 18-25, either in college or working toward college; 2) Know Jesus Christ as your Savior and be seeking to grow in your walk with Him; and 3) Be willing to agree with and abide by the House Handbook and House Commitment.

## **FRESHMEN EXEMPTION PROCESS**

Hey \_\_\_\_\_! My name is Paul Herriott, I'm the College Pastor at FBC. We are excited about your interest in AO/TRINITY! I know our Admin reached out to you about the housing exemption, but I wanted to make sure you have everything you need. I included our 3 step process we utilize. Over 50 students have received an exemption utilizing the process below, so we are confident in it's effectiveness. If you have any questions or want to talk it through along the way, feel free to reach out. Looking forward to getting to know you more!

Paul Herriott

### **Step 1: Open the Exemption Application.**

On the Housing website (<https://housing.uoregon.edu/live-on>) it provides the link for applying for a housing exemption (<https://housing.uoregon.edu/application>). One of the exemptions is for "Religious, moral and ethical beliefs that cannot be accommodated on campus." The desire to live in a Christian community, like Trinity/AO, that is governed by Biblical values is something the university cannot provide. Therefore based on your faith, this qualifies any student for an exemption.

### **Step 2: Craft your Statement.**

As of last year, there are two main questions the Housing Committee uses in order to grant or deny your exemption. I have attached a sample document below that can help guide you through writing your own personal statement. We have had 20+ students utilize this template and each has been granted an exemption.

### **Step 3: Submit Your Exemption Application By July 31, 2023**

The housing exemption committee meets irregularly (once or twice a month pending on the year). Therefore, once you turn in the application you may not hear from them for a few weeks. When they do meet, they will review your exemption application and respond to your request.

If you run into any trouble or have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We have a good working relationship with the University and are willing to help you through the whole process. We don't expect the process to change, but the university sometimes does make changes without us knowing. Therefore, if you find anything different than the process I described above, please let us know so we can update our system and help you find a solution.

I hope this was helpful!

A Suggestion for Responding to UO's Live-On Requirement  
Exemption on the Basis of Religion, Moral or Ethical Beliefs

How to respond:

- Personally
- Honestly
- Straightforwardly (a 3-4 sentence paragraph)

Here is an example response:

**Please describe how your sincerely held religious, moral and ethical beliefs could be accommodated by the University to enable you to live on campus:**

The University could accommodate my religious beliefs by providing a living situation (e.g., dorm) fully committed to helping those who reside in it to live out and experience their Biblical Christian faith. This would include the University providing leaders (e.g., resident advisors, etc.) who were not only themselves committed to Biblical Christian values and to a Biblical Christian faith, but who were also committed to helping residents live out their Biblical Christian values and faith.

**Please describe why you believe your sincerely held religious, moral and ethical beliefs require accommodations that cannot be sufficiently achieved on-campus:**

My deeply held Christian religious beliefs require intentional mentorship and discipleship carried out by Biblically qualified leaders who can help me continue to develop my personal character and practice of my Biblical Christian faith. This would require frequent participation in worship practices such as prayer, communion, and Bible study, as well as, being able to fellowship with other like-minded believers. My religion also prohibits gender immodesty, co-habitation, premarital sex, access to unfiltered adult content, and under-aged drinking.

I believe that living in a community of believers, like that provided by the Alpha Omega House (or Trinity House), has the best possibility of helping me fulfill the command Jesus gave to His followers to participate in a Biblical expression of the Body of Christ. In other words, I believe that being able to live at the Alpha Omega House (or Trinity House) will provide the environment I need to worship the God I serve, be intentionally discipled in my faith, develop Biblical character, and provide opportunities to engage in and with Biblical leadership. While I think highly of the University of Oregon, for these religious reasons I would like to request a religious exemption to live at the Alpha Omega (or Trinity House).



**University of Oregon Live-On Requirement Requests for Exemption on the Basis of Religion, Moral or Ethical Beliefs**

The University of Oregon is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for its students' sincerely held religious, moral and ethical beliefs. Such accommodations are intended to foster inclusivity and tolerance by providing adherents with an opportunity to abide by, or practice the tenants of, sincerely held religious, moral or ethical beliefs.

A student requesting an exemption from the live-on requirement for their sincerely held religious, moral and ethical beliefs must work with the university to identify what accommodations are needed to enable the student to live on campus. The University will only approve a student's request to live off campus as an accommodation for this request when it is determined the student's sincerely held religious moral and ethical beliefs requires circumstances that cannot be sufficiently accommodated on-campus.

Please describe how your sincerely held religious, moral and ethical beliefs could be accommodated by the University to enable you to live on campus:

Please describe why you believe your sincerely held religious, moral and ethical beliefs require accommodations that cannot be sufficiently achieved on-campus:

By submitting this request I represent that my sincerely held religious moral and ethical beliefs and circumstances that cannot be accommodated are accurately presented.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (Please print first and last)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student UO ID

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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Date Signed

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