



CoHo Ecovillage • 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr #101 • Corvallis, OR 97333

What Is Our "Associate Members" Program?

The Associate Members program is for nonresidents who want a deeper level of connection and commitment than Friends of CoHo. Associate Members are engaged with CoHo Ecovillage on an ongoing basis, have defined responsibilities and rights, and contribute time, energy and money.

See [CoHoMembershipGuidelines](#) for a complete list of responsibilities/rights and explanations. Basic categories are listed below.

Responsibilities of Associate Members

1. Abide by CoHo agreements, bylaws, policies, and consensus decisions.
2. Participate in the consensus process (with some limitations), business and community life meetings, and teams.
3. Stay informed about community business and activities.
4. Contribute workshare hours.
5. Participate in community social and work activities, including Wellness Retreats.
6. Complete Nonviolent Communication (NVC) training and CoHo consensus training.
7. Pay monthly dues* (sliding scale \$20 to \$40 per individual or \$30 to \$60 per household).

Rights of Associate Members

1. Participate in community life as "Building 10 neighbors" (a term referring to folks with a close "next-door neighbor" connection to on-site neighbors living in our 9 residential buildings).
2. Be included on CoHo email lists and have access to internal website.
3. Join CoHo meal program (sign up for meals, volunteer for work shifts, and be on meal software).
4. Use community facilities, such as Common House, workshop, and Bike Barn.
5. Give/receive additional social support through a variety of connections (childcare, Supportive Salmon, Kids Club, workshops, Sharing Circles, etc.)

Membership Steps to Become an Associate Member

The minimum timeframe to complete the Associate Member membership steps is 12 weeks to give prospective Associate Members time to connect with more CoHoots.

1. Read CoHo Vision & Values and Purpose Statement.
2. Complete Associate Members Application Form and pay one-time application fee* of \$15 (Individual Membership) or \$25 (Household Membership). Fee waived if joined as Friend of CoHo < 6 months ago.
3. Complete tasks listed on Associate Members Agreement. Enter dates.
4. Submit completed Associate Member Agreement Form and first month's dues (prorated to 1st of next month) to Membership Team.

*For additional flexibility on application fees and monthly dues, contact the Membership Team.



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Associate Members Membership Application

I (we) have read the CoHo Vision and Values and Purpose Statement and am (are) submitting this application as the initial step in the Associate Members membership application process. I (we) will meet with a CoHo buddy and enter dates on the Associate Members Membership Agreement form as steps are completed.

Include names of all household members applying to be Associate Members:

Name (please print)	Signature	(for meal program) Birthdates (dd/mm/yy) of children under 18
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Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Date _____

Please make check payable to CoHoTopia (\$15 for Individual Membership or \$25 for Household Membership; application fee waived if joined as a Friend of CoHo < 6 months ago) and deliver or mail to CoHo Ecovillage, Membership Team, 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr #101, Corvallis, OR 97333

To Be Completed by Membership Team

	<i>Assign buddy</i>
	<i>Provide CD with membership documents to be reviewed</i>
	<i>Provide contact info for HUB members</i>
	<i>Add to CoHoList and CoHoChat (during completion of membership steps)</i>
	<i>Give check to Finance Team</i>
	<i>At next business meeting, give "connection introduction" of prospective Associate Members</i>
	<i>At business meetings, give updates on prospective Associate Members</i>



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Associate Members Agreement

As you complete the membership steps, enter signatures of CoHo members and dates below.

CoHoots to Help	Date	Membership Step
Buddy		Review Associate Members Responsibilities and Rights with buddy (see CoHoMembershipGuidelines).
Any CoHoot		Attend at least three common meals or social events.
HUB Member		Meet with HUB for preview of workshare opportunities.
Any CoHoot		Read CoHo bylaws, CoHoTopia bylaws, Members Binder, Decision Log, and previous 12 months of meeting minutes
Buddy or NVC Team		Begin taking the CoHo NVC class (usually 13 weeks of 2 hrs/wk, plus at-home study). If class participation is not possible, do one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • read Nonviolent Communication by Rosenberg • work through Nonviolent Communication workbook by Lucy Leu • listen to "NVC Training Course" (9 CDs plus booklet) • read Speak Peace by Rosenberg • listen to Speak Peace CDs • or do some other equivalent introduction to NVC. Associate Members are still encouraged to take the CoHo NVC class later because it helps to build strong connections with other CoHoots.
Any CoHoot		Attend at least three CoHo business meetings, community life meetings, or team meetings.
Membership Team		Submit bio and photo for posting on our website (shared with community members and later posted on website).
Buddy		Have one or more Clearness Committees to clarify assumptions, expectations, and the decision to join CoHo (buddy will coordinate).
Membership Team		Be approved for membership via consensus decision by CoHoTopia voting members and CoHoTopia nonvoting members who are Associate Members (no sooner than 12 weeks from application date and also within 1-2 months of completing membership steps).
Membership Team		Make first monthly dues payment (prorated to first of next month). Sliding scale: Individual \$20 to \$40; household \$30 to \$60. Amount selected: _____

With commitment to this community of neighbors,

Name (please print)

Signature

Sign this Associate Members Agreement form, give form and payment (payable to CoHoTopia) to Membership Team or mail to CoHo Ecovillage, Membership Team, 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr, #101, Corvallis OR 97333.

To Be Completed by Membership Team

If membership not approved, complete following tasks

	<i>Meet with prospective Associate Members for feedback and sharing; assistance may be requested from CPR Team</i>
	<i>Remove from CoHoList and CoHoChat (can stay on CoHoChat if Friend of CoHo)</i>

If membership approved, complete following tasks

	<i>Ask buddy to review Orientation Guide</i>
	<i>Coordinate Welcome Ceremony to take place immediately following meeting with consensus approval (schedule that item the last one on the agenda)</i>
	<i>Provide copy of Meal Program Guidelines (if new to meal program)</i>
	<i>Post birthdates on Tiki birthday calendar (for adults, month/day only)</i>
	<i>Add to CoHo Membership List and provide copy of member version of list</i>
	<i>Make request to add to Tiki (Susan)</i>
	<i>Send bio/photo to Susan for posting</i>
	<i>Notify Sustenance Team of eligibility to be on meal software</i>
	<i>Label a cubby and update cubby list (Susan)</i>
	<i>Contact Common House team to arrange a common house tour and orientation</i>
	<i>Make nametag (Susan)</i>
	<i>Notify Shop Team to get signature on Shop Use Agreement, arrange training, and provide code</i>
	<i>Arrange for CoHo ID (if they are still being used)</i>
	<i>Give check to Finance Team</i>
	<i>Notify Secretary of new Associate Member (for attendance reporting)</i>
	<i>Verify Finance Team has worked out dues payment with new Associate Member</i>
	<i>Staple application form to agreement form and file</i>
	<i>List any adjustments to Associate Members Agreement (on this sheet); provide copy to Associate Member</i>