



CoHo Ecovillage • 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr #242 • 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 responsibilities/rights 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 CoHo community life.
2. Be included on CoHo email lists and have access to internal website.
3. Join CoHo meal program (sign up for meals and volunteer for work shifts).
4. Use community facilities, such as the Common House, workshop, and Bike Barn.
5. Give/receive additional social support through a variety of connections (childcare, Supportive Salmon, workshops, Sharing Circles, etc.)

## Membership Steps to Become an Associate Member

The expected pathway to Associate Membership is for the person interested in connection with CoHo to have participated for a year as a Friend of CoHo before applying for Associate Membership. Please contact Membership Team to discuss alternate timeframes.

1. Read CoHo Vision & Values and Purpose Statement.
2. Complete an Associate Members Application Form (attached) and pay one-time application fee\* of \$15 (Individual Membership) or \$25 (Household Membership). The fee waived is waved for a current Friend of CoHo or a former unit owner at CoHo.
3. Complete tasks listed on Associate Members Agreement (attached).
4. Submit a completed Associate Member Agreement Form and first month's dues (prorated to 1st of next month) to the 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

_____	_____	_____
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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 for current Friends of CoHo or former unit owners) and deliver or mail to CoHo Ecovillage, Membership Team, 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr #242, Corvallis, OR 97333



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## Associate Members Agreement

*As you complete the membership steps, have your buddy or other CoHo member initial and date 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		<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• read <i>Nonviolent Communication</i> by Rosenberg</li> <li>• work through Nonviolent Communication workbook by Lucy Leu</li> <li>• listen to "NVC Training Course" (9 CDs plus booklet)</li> <li>• read <i>Speak Peace</i> by Rosenberg</li> <li>• listen to <i>Speak Peace</i> CDs</li> <li>• or do some other equivalent introduction to NVC.</li> </ul> <p>Associate Members are still encouraged to take the full CoHo NVC class later because it helps to build strong connections with other CoHoots.</p>
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		Make first monthly dues payment (prorated to first of next month). Sliding scale: Individual \$20 to \$40; household \$30 to \$60. Amount selected: _____

*\* May be waived in the case of a previous unit owner applying for Associate Membership.*

With commitment to this community of neighbors,

Name (please print)

Signature

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*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, #242, Corvallis OR 97333.*

