



NASCO Institute Group Housing Request Form

Limited free housing is available in local student housing co-ops and community homes. If you are interested in this option, please fill out this form and email it to mingwei@nasco.coop, fax it to 773.404.2668, or snail-mail it to:

Attn: Mingwei Huang
NASCO
PO Box 180048
Chicago, IL 60618

This application may only be used to apply for an entire group, and the designated liaison will serve as the point person for all communication with NASCO staff and your hosts. Individual housing requests can be made when you register for Institute online.

Group Housing Liaison Contact Information:

Co-op / Organization:

Liaison name:

Address:

Phone:

Is this a mobile number? Yes/No

E-mail:



Needs and Preferences:

Please try to characterize your group as a whole, and keep in mind that all members of your group will need to abide by your host house's rules while staying with them. For example, if most of your group is fine with staying in substance-free housing, then everyone must agree to not possess or use tobacco, alcohol, or illegal substances while at the house.

If you cannot easily or accurately characterize your entire group, please try to provide short explanations and number breakdowns. For example, if five people strongly prefer vegetarian / vegan housing and five strongly prefer omnivorous housing, note this preference breakdown when filling out this form.

NASCO is happy to work with any members of your group to fully meet their needs.

1. Shower availability
 - a. High priority
 - b. Preferable, but not necessary
 - c. Not needed

2. Quiet sleeping space
 - a. High priority
 - b. Preferable, but not necessary
 - c. Not needed

3. Smoking allowed in houses
 - a. High priority
 - b. Is acceptable
 - c. Will not work for us

4. Would you prefer a house that is generally ____ more social or ____ more quiet?

5. Would you prefer a house that is primarily comprised of ____ college-aged members or ____ one that has a slightly older population?



6. Vegetarian / vegan housing (please remember that Institute includes Saturday dinner, Sunday lunch, some snacks and your hosts are NOT required to provide food)
 - a. Houses that serve vegetarian / vegan meals are preferred
 - b. No preference
 - c. Houses that serve omnivorous meals are preferred

7. Will you need a place to park?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes
 - c. If yes, how many regular vehicles are you bringing? How many buses or large vans?

8. Please tell us a little about your co-op / organization and the group that is coming to Institute.

9. Is there a particular house that you would like to stay in this year?



What You Need to Know About NASCO Institute Free Housing:

The ICC allows fellow co-ops to stay free of charge, so please be extra considerate.

Most co-ops have rules about smoking, parking, and quiet hours; follow the house rules.

Each co-op has agreed to host a specific number of people. They base this on how many bathrooms and how much sleeping space the house has available. Please stay at the house you are assigned to.

Co-ops have agreed to house Institute participants, not feed them. Don't eat house food unless a house member invites you to do so. Remember that some meals will be provided during Institute.

Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, linens, towels and anything else you will need for the weekend. Co-ops have limited couch space (but lots of floor space), so be prepared for anything (therma-rests are great!)

Remember to introduce yourself and be friendly. Explain where you are from and why you are here. Co-op members may not remember that traveling co-ops will be crashing at their house.

Consider bringing a gift for the co-op you are staying in. In the past, Institute participants have given gifts to their host co-op to show appreciation for the members' hospitality. Examples include: co-op T-shirts, beer, cider, a case of mangos, etc.

And of course, please remember to tidy up when you leave. If you leave a good impression with the co-op members, chances are they will invite co-ops to stay again.