

SBSHC Application: Summer 2022, School Year 2022-2023

We are now accepting applications for SUMMER 2022 and SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023.

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no deadline to apply!

The SUMMER 2022 Contract Period is:
JUNE 17, 2022 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

The SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 Contract Period is:
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 - JUNE 20, 2023

Please fill out all questions completely. Incomplete applications may not be accepted.

If you have questions, you can call us at (805) 685-6964 or email info@sbcoop.org.

Please provide this basic info below, and continue with your application.

*** Required**

1. First Name *

2. Last Name *

3. Phone Number *

Please include area code (and country code if applicable).

4. E-mail *

It is crucial that you check your email regularly. This is our primary mode of communication.

5. Current Address *

Include street, city, state, zip, and country

6. Date of Birth *

MM/DD/YY

7. How did you hear about the co-op? *

Please mark all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Website (www.sbcoop.org)
- Friends already in the co-op
- Word of Mouth
- CHO / UCSB Website
- Flyer

Other: _____

Eligibility & Affiliations

To be eligible for housing in the Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative, you must be a student, staff, or faculty of UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara City College, or another post-secondary educational institution in Santa Barbara County.*

A student is defined as anyone currently enrolled in classes during the quarter(s) of their lease contract.

During the summer contract period, student status is in effect as long as the member is enrolled as a student during a contiguous term. (i.e., They were enrolled the prior year or are enrolled for next school year.)

A student will retain their SBSHC student status if they graduate during the school year contract period. The student will also be eligible to apply for housing the summer after they graduate as a grace period.

8. What is the basis of your eligibility? (Mark all that apply) *

Check all that apply.

- UCSB Student
- SBCC Student
- EAP (International) Student
- Transfer Student
- Non Traditional / Re-entry Student
- Incoming Freshman
- Returning Sophomore
- Returning Junior
- Returning Senior
- Incoming Graduate Student
- Returning Graduate Student

Other: _____

9. For UCSB Students: *

What is your Perm number?

10. Major / Minor / Field of study *

Please list your declared major(s) and minor(s) and/or field(s) of study.

11. Campus organizations/clubs you are active in *

12. Please mark any that apply

Check all that apply.

- Past SBSHC Resident Member
- Current SBSHC Food Boarder (with a contract)
- Past SBSHC Food Boarder (with a contract)
- Previous member of a different housing co-op system
- Previous SBSHC Applicant

13. Have you have previously lived in, been a member of, or been a worker with any other co-op, in Santa Barbara or elsewhere? If yes, please specify. *

14. Please indicate below if you qualify as low-income. Income will be verified using your (or your parents') most recent tax return. *

Check all that apply.

- Yes, I qualify as low-income in Santa Barbara County
- No, I do not qualify as low-income in Santa Barbara County
- I'm not sure

**Contract
Periods**

The Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative has two main Contract Periods each year, Summer and School Year.

Please note

Applicants that apply for BOTH Summer and School Year will be given priority. We do not allow any subletting, so you must live in the co-ops for the entirety of the Summer to qualify.

15. Which Contract Periods are you applying for? *

Please mark all that apply

Check all that apply.

- SUMMER 2022 (June 17, 2022 - September 15, 2022)
- SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23 (September 17, 2022 - June 20, 2023)

16. If you won't be around for the entire Contract Period... *

For example: If you are applying for Summer but will only be here for Session A or B, if you will be studying abroad for one or more quarters, or if you will be graduating mid-year...Please describe your situation, including any relevant dates.

The Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative is managed in a way unlike typical rental properties. Since WE OWN IT, we, as member-owners, make the decisions on how we use our space and run our organization. We work creatively together to live sustainably and strive to be a model for the rest of our community.

OUR MISSION

The Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative (SBSHC) provides low-rent cooperative housing for students attending post-secondary educational institutions in Santa Barbara County. SBSHC welcomes members regardless of gender, race, social, political or religious affiliation, thereby working to eliminate prejudice and discrimination in our communities. We strive to engage in continuous educational programs that further the principles of cooperative through mutual, self-help living at a minimal cost.

MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE

Each SBSHC house manages its own internal affairs, elects its own house officers, and sends representatives to our central decision-making bodies, such as specialized committees and the SBSHC Board of Directors. Members run their own houses, including their meal plans, shared chore systems, gardens, social events, educational workshops, and finances.

In addition to the student management, there is a staff team who oversee centralized operations and non-profit administration. The professional staff consists of our Executive Director and Director of Member Services. Staff functions include collecting monthly member charges, new member recruitment, processing applications, room assignments, fiscal management, major maintenance, and member education.

Co-op
Membership:
What You
Need To
Know

While the staff team provides continuity and expertise for the organization, control of the organization is ultimately vested in the members, and decisions are made through collective self-governance. Through their elected representatives and direct "one-member, one-vote" democracy, members decide organization priorities, set policies, approve annual budgets, and evaluate staff. The co-op is run by members, for members, to meet their needs and nurture their community.

THE COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

The Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative is part of a larger, international Cooperative Movement.

The International Cooperative Alliance (www.ica.coop) defines a cooperative as:

"An autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others."

There are 7 Cooperative Principles, which serve as guidelines by which cooperatives put their values into practice:

1. Voluntary & Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Member Economic Participation
4. Autonomy & Independence

- 5. Education, Training, & Information
- 6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- 7. Concern for Community

17. Which Cooperative Principle are your drawn to? *

Co-op
Membership:
Member
Responsibilities

A cooperative works because its members do. Maintaining low costs requires that members be willing to spend personal time to assist with the basic operation of house and system-wide endeavors.

So that we all contribute equally to our community, member responsibilities are broken down into three categories: FISCAL equity, SWEAT equity, and SOCIAL equity.

FISCAL Equity

Each month members pay Room, House, and Board charges. This functions very similarly to paying rent, but money paid into the co-op is returned to the membership in the form of goods and services, covering our operating costs without a profit motive.

Room charges go into our central budget to cover our non-profit's overhead, staff, maintenance costs, and development funds. House charges cover house utilities costs. Board charges cover food and shared household supplies, such as toilet paper and cleaning products.

18. In order to fulfill your fiscal contribution, we need to know that you have some sort of income. *

Please mark all sources of income.

Check all that apply.

- Job
- Work Study
- Scholarships
- Loans
- Parents

Other: _____

SWEAT Equity

All members are required to participate in the house labor system, comprised of Chores and quarterly Work Holidays.

CHORES: The elected Chore Manager develops a chore system to ensure smooth operation of the household. Common chores include cleaning the kitchen, bathrooms, refrigerators, mopping floors, vacuuming, taking out the trash, and cooking meals. The chore system is different at each house as they all have different needs and may change with each new Chore Manager.

WORK HOLIDAY: At least once a quarter, the Chore Manager will pick a date, usually on a weekend, on which a Work Holiday will take place. The entire house gets together for 6 to 8 hours to work together on larger projects that beautify and improve the house.

Also, all members must attend HOUSE MEETINGS. These meetings happen about twice a month, and are the most important time for the house to come together and make decisions, address issues, and plan for the future.

19. Do you understand that these duties are a necessary part of house functioning and are non-negotiable for every member? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

SOCIAL Equity

All members contribute social equity by helping with quarterly Service Positions and/or projects that benefit the cooperative. Members can contribute in a number of different ways: being house officers (such as House President, Treasurer, Kitchen Manager, or Maintenance Manager), joining special committees with members from other houses, or sitting on our Board of Directors. Members can also develop and propose independent service projects that improve their house or the entire co-op community.

Because Service is so vital to our organization's success, we have a special process and incentive system to ensure that everyone contributes. Some positions receive quarterly compensation. At the end of each quarter, your Service fulfillment will be evaluated by your peers. If your Service requirements are not fulfilled, then you will be asked for more fiscal equity (i.e. you'll be fined) but SBSHC needs your social investment much more than it needs your extra dollars!

20. Do you understand that these duties are a necessary part of house and the organization's functioning and are non-negotiable for every member? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

Working Through Conflict

It is not uncommon for conflict to arise when many people live and work together. This can include interpersonal conflict, house conflict, and even maybe conflict at the organizational level. In most housing situations, conflict between roommates often ends in someone simply moving out. At the co-op, however, we ask that members work through conflict. We try to create a learning environment with open communication and, with the help of capable facilitators, members must be prepared and willing to participate in Conflict Mediation.

21. Whenever constructive dialogue is possible, are you willing to participate in facilitated discussions? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

Diversity & Code of Conduct

At SBSHC, you will be living with, working with, and sharing rooms with people holding diverse views, identities, sexual orientations, religious, racial, cultural, political, and social backgrounds.

The SBSHC Code of Conduct serves as an expression of our organizational values and guidelines for our shared responsibilities as individuals and as a cooperative - internally and in the broader community.

1. We will support and defend every individual's right to freedom of expression and dissent, with the exception of hateful rhetoric and acts of bigotry, which will not be tolerated.
2. We will hold one another accountable to, and with, the highest standards of civility, respect, and decency in all of our interactions and will not tolerate any behavior that violates an individual's personal boundaries, such as verbal abuse, physical assault, sexual assault, theft, or harassment.
3. We will celebrate our differences and recognize and honor diversity as vital to the excellence of the SBSHC.
4. We will make the SBSHC a safe, welcoming, and accessible space in which to live, work, and learn for individuals of all backgrounds and abilities.
5. We will work to counteract the marginalizing forces present in our society in order to provide a safer space for those who are marginalized in any way.
6. Acknowledging the constraints inherent in participation within a global capitalist system, the SBSHC will strive to be as ethical as possible in our consumption and investments. We will endeavor to pursue business relationships with companies and entities whose business practices are in line with our values.
7. The SBSHC will take a survivor-centered stance in cases of sexual harassment and sexual assault. By default, perpetrators of sexual assault will be permanently banned from all SBSHC properties. The option to pursue restorative justice processes will be available to survivors.
8. The SBSHC will always consider the safety and wellbeing of our members paramount. We will protect our houses and members from harm and uphold our responsibility to be proactive and responsive in maintaining safe and habitable homes.

22. As a co-op member, are you willing to follow and uphold these expectations? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

23. Please describe in your own words what sweat, social, and fiscal equity mean to you. *

The Houses

SBSHC operates two types of living facilities: group living houses (includes board) and an apartment complex. There are four communal-living facilities that house 14-18 members each. In addition to the communal houses we own one apartment complex housing 23-30 members. Total SBSHC membership is about 90.

Some of our houses have cultures centered around specific themes. Be sure to read through each house description when selecting the houses that best suit you.

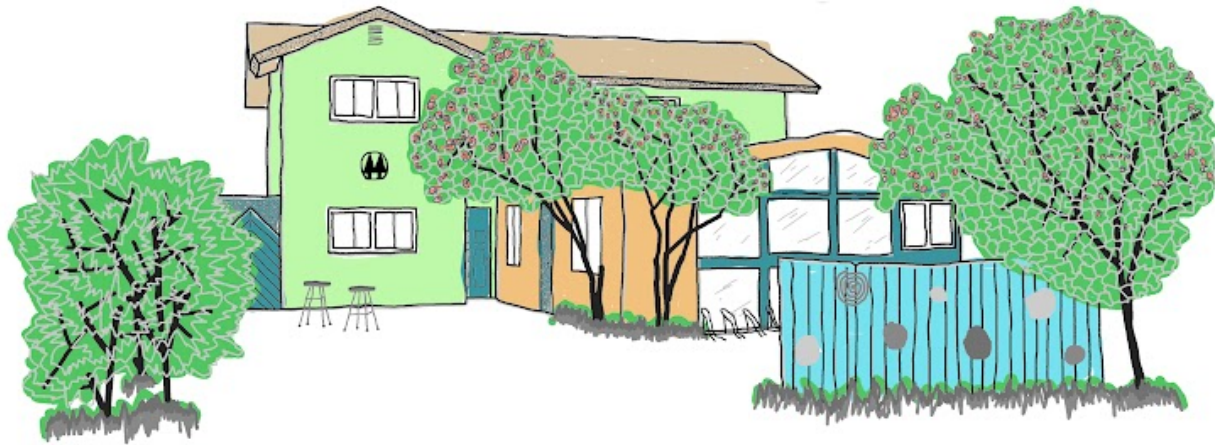
BIKO HOUSE



Named after Stephen Bantu Biko, founder and martyr of the anti-apartheid Black Consciousness movement in South Africa, Biko is SBSHC's "People of Color" themed co-op. The Biko house takes on the responsibility of maintaining a safe, respectful space for people of color in a predominantly white campus community, as well as spreading awareness about racial equality, social justice, anti-oppression, cultural awareness, social movements, and the need for intersectionality within the Isla Vista community and beyond. The 18 members of Biko house share twelve bedrooms and six bathrooms. The kitchen is large and spacious, with industrial-strength cooking facilities and a stocked pantry. The House and Board charges cover gas, electricity, water, trash, laundry, internet, and a meal plan. The garage space out front functions as an all-purpose community space, or info-shop, that is open for organization meetings, musical and dance performances, art exhibitions, and workshops. The Biko Infoshop is run by donation only, and is run and operated by house members.

24. If Biko House is your first choice for housing, please tell us what interests you most about living at Biko and how you would help contribute to the mission of the house.
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DOLORES HOUSE



Dolores House, formerly, "Dashain," is our vegetarian / vegan house, named for social justice activist Dolores Huerta. The house strives to be ethical and environmentally friendly in its consumption, and buys organic produce from the local food cooperative and farmers' markets. Dolores maintains its own garden space out back, where its 15 residents can watch the sunset, build a bonfire, harvest homegrown veggies, and enjoy the ocean breeze. The kitchen, always warm and inviting, is a gathering place for Doloreans, food boarders, and friends — on a typical afternoon, you might find people listening to music, playing board games, or cooking a delicious vegan meal. The house has nine bedrooms and three bathrooms. The House and Board charges cover water, trash, electricity, gas, internet, laundry, and a vegetarian meal plan.

MANLEY HOUSE



Manley House, our first communal house, is home to 17 members who love their 3 avocado trees, 3 loquat trees, passionfruit vine, California-native landscaping, and herb garden! Manleyans also enjoy their close proximity to campus and their spacious deck with plentiful sun and a great view. Manley has eleven bedrooms and two floors. Three bedrooms are located upstairs, downstairs there are eight bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, dining room, tool shed, and study room. The House and Board charges cover electricity, gas, water, trash, laundry, cable internet, and a meal plan. The house is named after Steven Manley, who died August 15, 1979, battling a brush wildfire near Santa Maria. He was 21 years old and a Junior Environmental Studies Major at UCSB, working the summer as a firefighter with the California Division of Forestry.

MERTON HOUSE

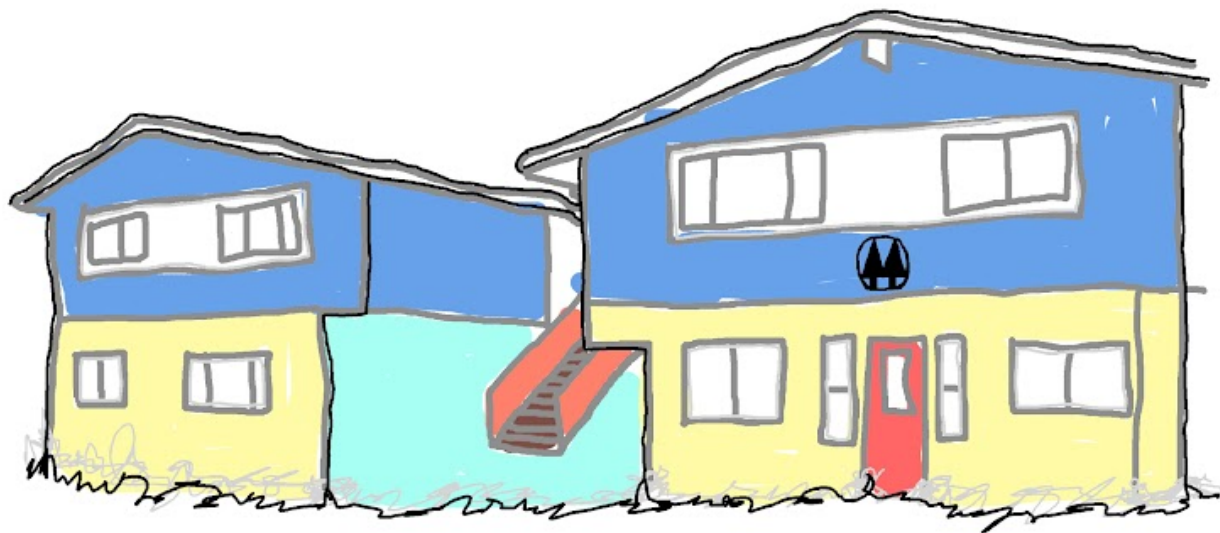


Named after Thomas Merton, a Catholic priest who advocated for interfaith understanding and social justice, Merton is the Interfaith-themed house. The Interfaith theme serves as a legacy to the building's previous and only owner, the University Religious Conference, which had existed for several decades and used the location for many years as a vibrant meeting space for student community life and interfaith dialogue and cooperation. In continuation of this work, the Interfaith theme encompasses similar interests ranging from interfaith education to activism for social change.

In the Upstairs, Merton is home to eighteen Mertonians who occupy twelve bedrooms along with a shared kitchen, living room, and large communal bathroom. In the Downstairs, Merton houses the SBSHC Central Office, board/meeting rooms, a mini library, and an auditorium, which is used for social gatherings. In addition, Merton maintains a garden outside for food consumption.

The house and board charges cover electricity, gas, water, trash, laundry, internet, and a meal plan. Mertonians who are low-income UCSB undergraduates are eligible for scholarships of \$500-600 per quarter through UCSB's Financial Aid Office. In addition to these available scholarships, Merton receives about \$10,000 annually to organize interfaith and community events, dinners/potlucks, speakers, films and to send Mertonians to interfaith-related conferences.

NEWMAN HOUSE



Although Newman House has nine separate apartments (six 2-bedroom, 1-bath units and three studios), Newman fees like a community. Newman endeavors to create a safe and supportive environment for members of the LGBTQ+ community and foster a welcoming community for all. There is no meal plan for the Newman building but most weeks members participate in house potlucks. The fire pit in front, gardens and composting system, and mural paintings on Newman's walls allow members to be creative and communal. But if that's not your thing, there are enough private space in Newman to make it what you want it to be. The House charge for Newman's 27-30 residents covers laundry, parking, water, trash, gas, electricity and cable internet. Newman House is named after Patti Newman, significant contributor and driving force behind the creation of the Santa Barbara Housing Co-op.

25. If Newman House is your first choice for housing, please tell us what interests you most about living at Newman and how you would help contribute to the mission of the house.

Your Housing Preferences

26. Please write your housing preference in order of preference separated by a comma. (Example: "Biko, Newman, Manley, Dolores, Merton") *

27. Why have you made these preferences? *

Rooms & Roommates

About 75% of SBSHC rooms are double (shared) rooms. We also have a limited number of single (private) rooms and studio apartments (Newman House only).

Available room types:

- Double (shared)
- Single (private)
- Studio (may be shared or private, Newman House only)

28. Please write your room type preferences in the order of preference separated by a comma. (Example: "shared, single") *

We can't guarantee room type but we'll do our best.

29. Roommate Preference

Is there anyone in particular that you would like to share a room with? If you both are applying as new members, it would be best if you would list each other on your respective applications.

30. Your Gender

This information is used to place roommates.

31. Roommate Gender Preference *

Mark only one oval.

I would share a room ONLY with someone of my SAME gender.

I don't have a preference.

Other: _____

32. What you are like as a roommate...

Please mark all that apply to YOU.

Check all that apply.

- I maintain a clean living space
- I don't mind things being a bit messy
- I have one or more pets
- I have no pets
- I'm a smoker
- I'm a non-smoker
- I'm a light sleeper
- I'm a heavy sleeper
- I have a partner or other who will come stay with me
- I'm okay with my roommate having overnight guests
- I like a noisier environment (music, gatherings, etc.)
- I like a quieter environment
- I want an environment where I can focus on studying
- I'm a morning person
- I'm a night person

Other: _____

33. What you hope for in your roommate...

Please mark all that apply to your ideal roommate.

Check all that apply.

- They maintain a clean living space
- They don't mind things being a bit messy
- They have one or more pets
- They have no pets
- They don't mind smoking
- They are a non-smoker
- They are a light sleeper
- They are a heavy sleeper
- They are okay with me having overnight guests
- They like a noisier environment (music, gatherings, etc.)
- They like a quieter environment
- They want an environment where they can focus on studying
- They are a morning person
- They are a night person

Other: _____

Other Needs & Misc.

34. Pets

Do you plan to have a pet living with you in the co-ops? If so, pets must be approved before you move in. Please tell us about your animal(s) below, including the type of animal, age, size, how well trained they are, any health or behavioral issues, and anything else we might need to know.

35. Medical / Dietary / Accessibility / Allergy

Do you have any medical / dietary / accessibility / allergy needs we should know of? If this applies to you, please explain as much as you feel comfortable doing.

36. Children & Family

Do you have any children, traditional family members, or non-traditional family members you would like to have live with you in the co-op? If so, please explain your situation below.

37. Felony

If you have been convicted of a felony, please specify below.

38. Emergency Contact *

Please provide the name, address, phone number, and email of a person to contact in case of an emergency.

Four horizontal lines for text input.

39. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself or anything else you think we should know? *

Four horizontal lines for text input.

What now?

MAKE SURE TO CLICK "SUBMIT" BELOW

In February and March 2022 we will be holding a series of virtual events for all applicants to learn more about our houses and our cooperative organization. Keep an eye out for more information on these!

If you have any questions about your application or anything else, you are welcome to email anbo at anbareen@sbcoop.org.

Thanks again for your interest in living cooperatively!

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