

ASHLAND
ZEN
CENTER
Residency Application

2023 Residency Period

- Spring | *two months* | Mar 16-May 11 | \$1,740
- Summer | *one month* | July 15-Aug 13 | \$870
- Fall | *two months* | Sept 7-Nov 2 | \$1,740
- Other | Dates _____

2024 Residency Period

- Spring | *two months* | Mar 14-May 9 | \$1,740
- Summer | *one month* | July 13-Aug 10 | \$870
- Fall | *two months* | Sept 5-Oct 31 | \$1,740
- Other | Dates _____

Name _____ Date _____

Place of Birth _____ Birthdate _____ Gender _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Employer or School _____

Personal Reference (not a relative)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

My relationship to the person above _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

My relationship to the person above _____

Health Record

I am vaccinated for COVID-19

I have health insurance

Personal Statement

1. Please describe previous Zen Buddhist experience or background in other spiritual traditions, if any. If you have a formal teacher, include your teacher's name and contact.
2. Have you ever been a resident of a religious community? If so, where and when?
3. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If so, describe the circumstances and outcome.
4. Are you receiving treatment or taking prescription medication for a physical, psychological or emotional condition that affects your day to day activities? Please describe.
5. Do you have any special skills, for example, painting, sewing, carpentry, computers, gardening, maintenance?
6. Please describe your present home or family situation.
7. What are your plans after this Period of Residency?
8. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

Residency Guidelines

Residents must follow these guidelines completely and wholeheartedly at Ashland Zen Center:

1. Participate fully in Ashland Zen Center's schedule: half-days Sunday through Friday and Wednesday evenings.
2. Participate fully in practice events (e.g. sesshin) that take place during your Residency Period.
3. Learn and take responsibility for your part in community. This may include activities such as joining the rotation of flower offering on altars and being on the Resident Chore Rotation. Cultivate awareness of community needs and join the seasonal chores that take place outside the samu schedule. This may include activities like snow shoveling, gutter cleaning, berry harvesting and hand-watering.
4. Meet with a teacher once a week to discuss practice.
5. Leave all shared community space clean or cleaner than you found them. Do not leave personal items in community space. Examples of shared community space include laundry, kitchen, bathrooms, greenhouse, porches, benches etc.
6. Be mindful and responsible for security, safety, and resource conservation and participate proactively in the general upkeep of shared space. For example, turn off heat and air when not home, turn off lights when you leave a room, promptly attend to trash and recycling, clean up spills, maintain supplies like toilet paper and paper towels.
7. Do not smoke or vape inside the buildings or within 10 feet of doors and windows.
8. Do not bring weapons to Ashland Zen Center.
9. Disclose to a teacher your medicinal drug use or your work with sobriety.
10. Alcohol, meat, fish and fowl are not served at community meals.
11. Be personally responsible. This includes paying fees on time, taking care of your health and well-being, and shopping for and preparing your weekday dinners and meals on Saturdays and your dish for Sunday potluck.
12. Quiet hours are 10:00 pm to 8:00 am. Laundry may be done 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.
13. Live in a harmonious way with other residents and the sangha. Honor your commitments and support everyone's practice. Resolve conflicts in an appropriate and timely manner. Seek council from a teacher around conflict; practicing in community means practicing *with* others.
14. Develop and sustain a positive relationship with the larger community. This includes good-neighbor action such as public sidewalk maintenance, picking up trash, shoveling snow, raking leaves and getting to know neighbors by name.

Terms

- A. The information provided in the Application for Residency is true and I authorize Ashland Zen Center to verify its accuracy.
- B. All information provided will remain private and confidential.

Payment

Residency Fee

Residency Period \$870/month x _____ months Total \$ _____

Other Stay Dates _____

Accommodation: \$25/day x _____ days \$ _____

Community Meals: \$6/day *weekdays only* x _____ weekdays \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Refundable damage deposit

\$250 by separate check (cashed only if needed) \$ _____

I have read and agree to the Residency Guidelines.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return Application

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Residency Program
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