



Frequently Asked Questions Masonic Homes of California

What are the Masonic Homes?

- The Masonic Homes of California are licensed residential communities for seniors, age 60 and older (RCFE/CCRC). There are two campuses, one in Union City and one in Covina.
- The Union City campus provides Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, Skilled Nursing and Short-term Rehabilitation.
- The Covina Campus provides Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing.

Who is eligible to apply to the Masonic Homes?

- **Eligibility for partial assignment of assets:** All California Masons (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason) in good standing for at least the last five consecutive years, and their spouses, widows, parents, and parents-in-law. Applicants must be 60 years or older. Additional eligibility criteria must also be met.
- **Eligibility for fee-for-service:** All California Masons (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason) in good standing, regardless of length of membership, and their spouses, widows, parents, and parents-in-law. Financial eligibility criteria must be met.

What is the best way to refer someone to the Masonic Homes?

- Call Masonic Assistance at **888-466-3642** or email **intake@mhcuc.org**.
- When calling to make a referral for someone other than yourself, it is important to have that person's permission to make the referral. Whenever possible, the person seeking assistance should call themselves or be present when you call so they can be part of the process from the start.
- In-depth intake calls can take anywhere from 30-60 minutes. Masonic Assistance will inquire about finances, health, current housing and living conditions, benefits and other information that will help to determine eligibility and appropriateness to apply to the Masonic Homes.

What amenities and services are available at the Masonic Homes?

- Both campuses offer a wide range of services including activities, dining services, housekeeping, transportation, wellness centers, medical support, spiritual services, volunteering, and educational programs.
- Both campuses have a Masonic Lodge on site.

Can an applicant move immediately into the Masonic Homes?

- Prior to being added to the Masonic Homes waiting list, applicants must complete an extensive application process, which requires them to provide financial, medical, and other personal information, as well as supporting documents.
- Once the application is complete and formally approved by admissions staff, applicants are added to the Masonic Homes waiting list. Wait times vary depending upon care level. Speak to the Masonic Assistance team to inquire about current estimated wait times.

Does Masonic Home Union City offer short-term rehabilitation at the Skilled Nursing Facility?

- Short-term rehabilitation is open to everyone, regardless of Masonic affiliation. The ability to come directly to Masonic Home for short-term rehabilitation depends on several factors, including bed availability, the prospect's care needs and medical insurance.
- Masonic Homes accepts payments by Medicare and some other contracted insurances for approved short-term rehabilitation.
- Masonic Homes does not accept Kaiser Health Plans for short-term rehabilitation.
- Masonic Homes accepts Medi-Cal for long-term skilled nursing.

What are the financial options for the Masonic Homes?

- Applicants may apply to the Masonic Homes under the Partial Assignment of Assets financial option (75/25), wherein 75% of the applicant's income and assets are assigned to the Masonic Homes and the applicant keeps 25% of their income and assets. There is no minimum income or asset requirement, and applicants will not be turned away due to lack of income or assets. For this payment option:
 - Applicants must not have \$2,000 or more in unsecured debt. If the applicant's unsecured debt exceeds these thresholds, then the debt must be eliminated prior to moving into the Masonic Homes. This can be accomplished by way of bankruptcy or seeking support from family, friends, or lodge to pay down the debt. Applicants who are ineligible to move to Masonic Homes due to debt may be referred to Masonic Senior Outreach Services for financial assistance.
 - Applicants should not "gift" or give away any assets within the three (3) years prior to admission. Gifting of assets that cannot be reversed or otherwise resolved may render a prospect ineligible to apply to the Masonic Homes until three years after the gifting occurred.
- Applicants may also apply to the Masonic Homes under the Fee-for-Service payment option, wherein the applicant pays monthly for rent and care. For this payment option:
 - Applicants must meet minimum income and asset requirements.
 - Payment options vary, depending on level of care required and whether the applicant chooses to pay an entrance fee.

What if a spouse needs a different level of care?

- Married couples applying to the Masonic Homes can both move into the community, even if they each require different levels of care.
- Depending upon the campus and levels of care required by the applicants, some couples may live in separate buildings, if care cannot be provided to both individuals in one location.
- If only one spouse applies to the Masonic Homes, they must apply under the Fee for Service (FFS) payment option and must meet the FFS criteria.

What things may render someone ineligible to apply to the Masonic Homes?

- Some health, medical and mental health conditions may prevent an applicant from moving into the Masonic Homes. These conditions may be based on licensing regulations as well as the Masonic Homes' ability to safely meet the care needs of the applicant.

When should one apply to the Masonic Homes?

- Masonic Homes applicants should wait to apply until they are confident they will be ready and able to move within the estimated wait time. Speak to the Masonic Assistance team to inquire about current estimated wait times.