



# Home Share Application

Vashon HouseHold is the only nonprofit on Vashon that is focused on affordable housing. Home Share is a unique and nontraditional housing program that brings together people who have housing to offer with people who are looking for housing.

Home Share is a process that starts when you submit an application. All Home Share participants are screened and references are checked. Home Share staff will reach out to set up a meeting to get to know you, your situation, and your needs more clearly so that we can “match” you with the best situation possible. Once you are matched we ask everyone to meet at our office to get to know each other and see if they want to continue with the process of setting up living arrangements. If that is the case, we all make a visit to the home that is being offered and discuss the living situation and the possibility of work exchanges, if applicable. Then we all meet again at the office to finalize the agreements in writing. We have an extensive Home Share Agreement that was based off a document developed at Stanford University for home share programs.

We provide ongoing support to all parties and follow up within a month to make sure the agreements are clear and do not need amending or changing. We also have trained staff to help navigate conflicts, should they arise.

We appreciate your interest in the Home Share Program. Please complete this application as accurately as possible to help us make the best match for you. There are no wrong answers.

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First                      Middle Name                      Last                      Suffix (Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    (MM/DD/YYYY)

Other Names Used: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your ethnicity/race (check as many as apply):

- Asian/Pacific Islander     Black/African     Native American/Indian
- Hispanic/Latin     White     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Veteran?  Yes     No

Do you have any disabilities?  Yes     No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Cell ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Work ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you resided on Vashon Island: Months \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

Have you lived in another state in the past 10 years:  Yes     No

If yes, please list all states: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Partner: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First                      Middle Name                      Last                      Suffix (Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Children/Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    (MM/DD/YYYY)

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## HOUSING INTERESTS AND EXCHANGES

What is your housing status?  I am looking for Housing  I have housing to offer

Are you interested in exchanging services for reduced rent:  Yes  No

If yes, please select the services you are interested in exchanging:

Housework  Cooking  Light maintenance/repair

Driving/errands  Laundry  Caregiving

Gardening  Yard work  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOUSING AND PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list three (3) references:

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First Name	Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address	Relation
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**In order to ensure the safety of our clients, volunteers, and staff and to protect Vashon HouseHold and the Home Share program from risk of liability, you must agree to the following policies. This is a requirement of joining the program.**

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## SAFETY, CRIMINAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY

Vashon HouseHold and Home Share hold the right to disqualify anyone from the program that may hinder the health and/or safety of themselves or others. It is the policy of Vashon Household's Home Share Program to screen all applicants for criminal convictions. Washington residents are screened through the Washington State Patrol. If an applicant has lived outside of Washington in the last ten (10) years, a multi-state background check will be used. An adverse background check finding does not automatically disqualify you from entering the Home Share Program unless it is recent and of the offenses that are listed in WAC 388-113-0020 which would bring health and safety into question.

If you have any criminal or traffic convictions, please list the nature of the offense(s) and conviction date(s) here:

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By your signature you authorize Vashon Household to conduct a Criminal History Background Check at the time your Home Share Application is received. And I certify that I have read this Safety, Criminal History and Background Check Policy and understand the above information.

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Signature	Date	Spouse/Partner Signature	Date
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**NON-LIABILITY POLICY**

I understand that the staff of Vashon Household and the Home Share program will do their best to match Home Share participants the most beneficial living situations possible at the time. I understand that Vashon Household and Home Share are not the agents of any party. They act only as a facilitator to provide the opportunity for all parties involved to come together and work out an acceptable housing agreement.

I am not relying entirely on Vashon Household to screen my matches. All credit checks, references, and all other background information obtained by Vashon Household will be obtained and/or confirmed by myself. I am not relying entirely on Vashon Household for any evaluation of the condition of the premises and its sustainability for my needs. I will seek further information from a professional, if needed.

Any disputes which may arise shall not involve the staff of Vashon Household, either individually or as a group, and I will not hold staff responsible for any claims, damages, or other consequences which may arise from any home sharing arrangement. I have also been advised to seek the services of an attorney should I have any questions about my legal rights and the laws of the State of Washington.

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**NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**

All services offered by Vashon Household and Home Share are provided without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, handicap, and familial status.

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Signature	Date	Spouse/Partner Signature	Date
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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Vashon Household staff to send and discuss information about my circumstances, including any information on arrests and/or criminal convictions obtained by Vashon Household for the express benefit of securing housing for me.

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Signature                                      Date                                      Spouse/Partner Signature                                      Date

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of this document, and that I have answered all questions fully and truthfully.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                                      Date                                      Spouse/Partner Signature                                      Date

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**COMMENTS**

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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