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# SUMNER HOUSE

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**

## **Background**

Sumner House (**House**) is a young men's house of discernment located at 8 Mills Street, Lidcombe, New South Wales. The House is an initiative of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (**Archdiocese**), under the direction of the Episcopal Vicar for Formation, and led by the Evangelisation & Parish Renewal's Sydney Catholic Youth, in collaboration with the Vocations Office. Up to nine young men will be accepted as residents of the House, subject to a successful application process.

## **How to apply to become a resident at the House**

Men over the age of 18 years can apply to reside at the House for a period of up to 18 months to, together with other residents and the House Leaders, contemplate, pray and actively discern their vocations.

The application process involves:

- Completing this Application Form and sending to [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org);
- Participating in an interview with [details] if you are selected to do so;
- if successful:
- signing a Resident's Agreement before moving in; and
- having working with children check/national criminal history check clearances before moving in.

## **Selection Criteria**

Successful applicants will be chosen based on a demonstrated openness to discerning a vocational call; an aptitude for study, work and prayer; a willingness to engage in the faith community; and a level of maturity conducive to living in community.

## **Decisions**

All applications will be considered seriously by the Archdiocese. It is important to note, however, that spaces at the House are limited. The Archdiocese at its sole discretion will determine who will be accepted as residents of Sumner House. Successful applicants must agree to comply with rules associated with residency of the house and will sign an agreement before they take up residency. The decision of the Archdiocese in relation to applications is final.

## Privacy

The Archdiocese is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles and the *Privacy Act 1998* (Cth). The Archdiocese collects your personal information for the purpose of your application for residency at Sumner House for the purpose of my residency at Sumner House and in relation to news about, and activities and events held by, Sydney Catholic Youth, the Vocations Office and the Archdiocese in accordance with the Archdiocesan collection notice, which can be found at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/terms-and-conditions/#collection>.

## APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS	
FIRST NAME:	
LAST NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
	STATE: POSTCODE:
DATE OF BIRTH:	
PLACE OF BIRTH:	

CONTACT DETAILS	
EMAIL:	
MOBILE:	
HOME PHONE:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON:	
CONTACT DETAILS:	
RELATIONSHIP TO CONTACT PERSON:	

EMPLOYMENT DETAILS	
PLEASE TICK:	<input type="radio"/> FULL-TIME <input type="radio"/> PART-TIME <input type="radio"/> CASUAL
POSITION:	
NAME OF EMPLOYER:	

TERTIARY EDUCATION DETAILS	
COURSE:	
YEARS COMPLETED:	

<b>SECONDARY EDUCATION DETAILS</b>	
COURSE:	
YEARS COMPLETED:	

<b>RELATIONSHIP STATUS</b>	
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED OR ENGAGED?	
DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN?	
EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON:	
CONTACT DETAILS:	
RELATIONSHIP TO CONTACT PERSON:	

<b>CATHOLIC FAITH</b>	
HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
PARISH OR COMMUNITY YOU ATTEND:	
PARISH PRIEST:	

<p>ARE YOU INVOLVED IN YOUTH MINISTRY IN SCHOOLS OR OTHER FORMS OF CHURCH LIFE AND MISSION? IF YES, NAME THE SCHOOL OR INVOLVEMENT AND DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITIES YOU PROVIDE FOR FAITH FORMATION.</p>

<p>WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO APPLY TO THE 'SUMNER HOUSE' AND GIVE REASONS WHY YOU WANT TO DISCERN THROUGH THE 'SUMNER HOUSE' PROGRAM?</p>

HAVE YOU BEEN IN ANY OTHER HOUSE OF DISCERNMENT OR FORMATION BEFORE? IF SO, WHERE?

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**HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR GENERAL HEALTH IN THESE AREAS?**

SPIRITUAL:

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PHYSICAL:

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MENTAL:

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EMOTIONAL:

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ARE YOU CONSIDERING A CALL TO MARRIED LIFE, RELIGIOUS LIFE OR THE PRIESTHOOD? IF SO, HOW LONG HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THIS CALLING?

DO YOU AGREE TO A NATIONAL POLICE CHECK & WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK?

Note: Approval of your application is subject to receiving your clearance in a National Police Check and Working with Children Check.

YES  NO

PROVIDE A REFEREE FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST OR COMMUNITY LEADER:

NAME OF REFEREE:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ALL THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY MISREPRESENTATION, FALSIFICATION, OR OMISSION OF ANY FACTS CALLED FOR IN THE APPLICATION MAY RENDER THIS APPLICATION VOID, WHENEVER DISCOVERED.

PRINT NAME:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Please send the completed application form to [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)