



## Vista House Intentional Christian Community FAQs

- 1. Who can live at Vista House?** - Furman University juniors and seniors with a GPA of at least 2.75 and recent Furman graduates can live at Vista House.
- 2. What does the application process look like?** - Current sophomores, juniors, and seniors are welcome to apply for the following academic year at any time, though it is strongly recommended to have your application in **by March 15**. The application can be found on our website - [vistahouse.org](http://vistahouse.org). After an MCF staff member has reviewed your application, an in-person or zoom interview will be scheduled.
- 3. What are the commitments of the residents of Vista House?** - Residents of Vista House are passionate about exploring the Christian faith through conversation and community! More specifically, residents are committed to the **three main practices of living in community**:
  - 1) weekly community dinner together
  - 2) daily (Mon-Fri) morning prayer together
  - 3) the ministry of hospitality to each other and the wider Furman communityThe residents also hold to a Community Covenant that they co-create at the beginning of the semester during the Vista House orientation, which informs them throughout the semester of how they will intentionally live with and serve one another.
- 4. Do I have to be a “Super Christian” to live at Vista House?** - Mere Christianity Forum’s mission is to explore the Christian faith through conversation & community; we are not an interfaith group. But no matter where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.
- 5. How much does it cost to live at Vista House?** - For students, rent is paid by semester and is **\$500 less than the going semester rate** of Furman University’s North Village Housing ([see North Village current rates here](#)). For recent graduates, rent can be paid per



semester or on a monthly basis. Everything is included in your rent payment - utilities, trash pickup, internet, laundry, etc.

- 6. Can I live at Vista House for one semester?** - While a full academic year is preferable, one semester residency is possible.
  
- 7. How many residents live at Vista House?** - Furman University allows up to eight students to live at Vista House at one time, but we typically house around five students in an average semester.
  
- 8. Are pets allowed at Vista House?** - We only allow service dogs or certified emotional support animals.
  
- 9. What is the bedroom/bathroom situation like?** - Vista House residents live on the second floor - there are 5 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms. The Vista House is co-ed, but only students of the same gender can live in the same bedroom. Likewise, the two rooms that share a bathroom must house students of the same gender.
  
- 10. Will I share my bedroom with a roommate?** - Whether or not you have your own room depends on how many people are accepted to live at the house and the gender make-up of the residents. For example, if there are 5 female residents and 1 male resident, the male resident will definitely have his own room, while 2 of the female residents must share a room. It is important to share your living preferences with staff during the interview process so we can try our best to accommodate you.
  
- 11. Is having transportation a requirement to live at Vista House?** - The house is located along the Swamp Rabbit Trail roughly 1.5 miles from Furman University's campus. Though the commute to campus is easily bikeable, it is highly recommended that residents have their own car - residents cannot be dependent on regular transportation assistance from MCF staff or their fellow residents.