



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 Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP with oversight by the Chancellor and coordinated by the Vocations Centre. 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 12 months. The maximum age limit is 30 years. Together with other residents and the House Manager, they will spend the year together to pray, study, and actively discern their vocations.

The application process involves:

- Completing this Application Form and sending to vocations@sydneycatholic.org;
- participating in an interview if you are selected to do so;
- if successful: signing a Resident's Agreement before moving in; and
- attaining working with children check/national criminal history check clearances prior to 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 and Commitments

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 the residency of the house and will sign an agreement before they take up residency. Time at Sumner House is both a gift and a responsibility. **Residents agree to meet the expectations of the House as part of their stay. These include; Morning Prayer and Holy Hour (6:30am-7:30am Mon-Fri), Brotherhood and Formation (6:30-9:15 pm Tues and Thurs), a monthly retreat/outing (normally a half-day on a weekend), an annual 3-day retreat (Friday evening to Sunday), and duties related to the household roster. (See the Resident's Agreement for a full list of household commitments). Work and study commitments must be held in tandem with the expectations of the house. The House Chaplain can give permission to miss an event for good reason and at his discretion. There are three one-week 'Rest Periods' during the year where house expectations do not apply. 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-andconditions/#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: FULL-TIME PART-TIME CASUAL

POSITION:

EMPLOYER:

TERTIARY EDUCATION DETAILS

COURSE:

YEARS COMPLETED:

SECONDARY EDUCATION DETAILS

COURSE:

YEARS COMPLETED:

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED OR ENGAGED?

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN?

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON:

CONTACT DETAILS:

RELATIONSHIP TO CONTACT PERSON:

CATHOLIC FAITH

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED?

YES NO

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

YES NO

PARISH OR COMMUNITY YOU ATTEND:

PARISH PRIEST:

PHONE CONTACT:

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

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO BRING TO SUMNER HOUSE?
(E.G. PERSONALITY TRAITS, PARTICULAR VIRTUES, UNIQUE GIFTS, ETC.)

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WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO RECEIVE FROM YOUR TIME AT SUMNER HOUSE?

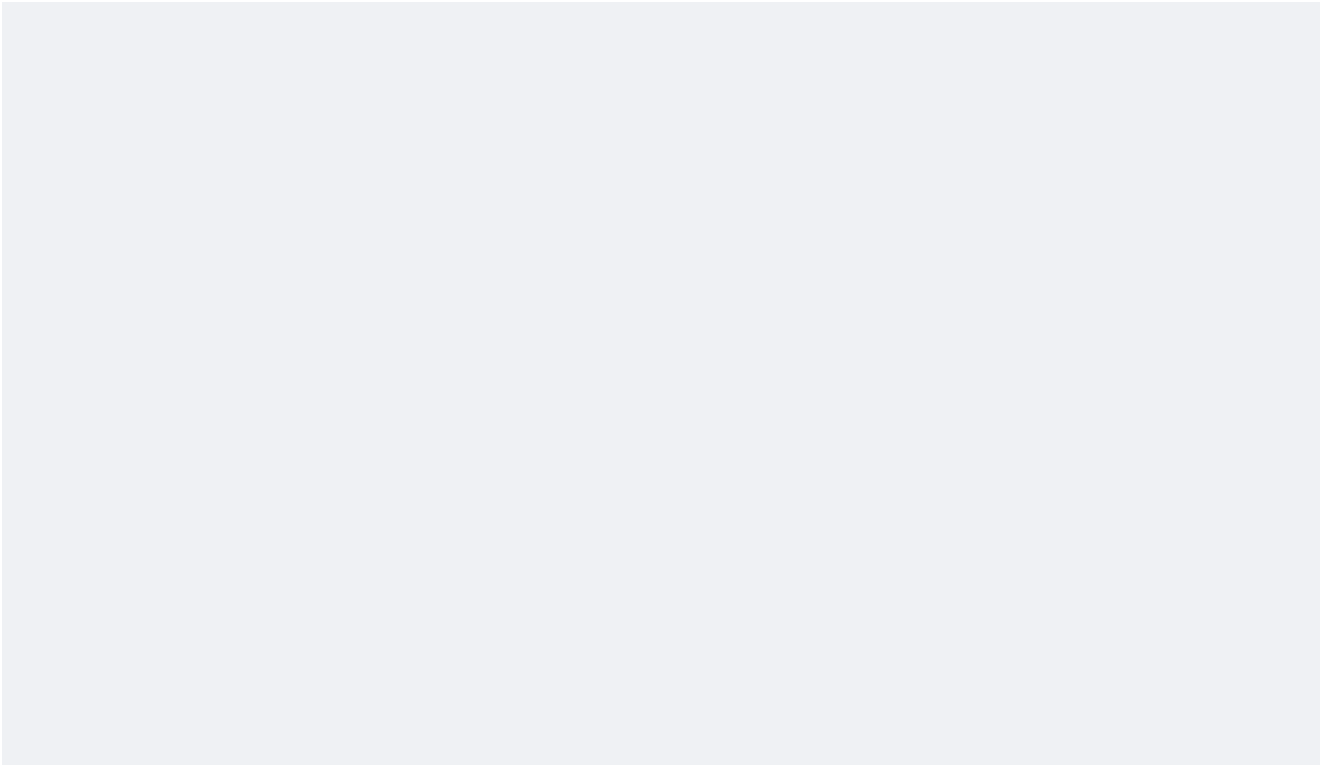
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HAVE YOU BEEN IN ANY OTHER HOUSE OF DISCERNMENT OR FORMATION BEFORE? IF SO, WHERE?

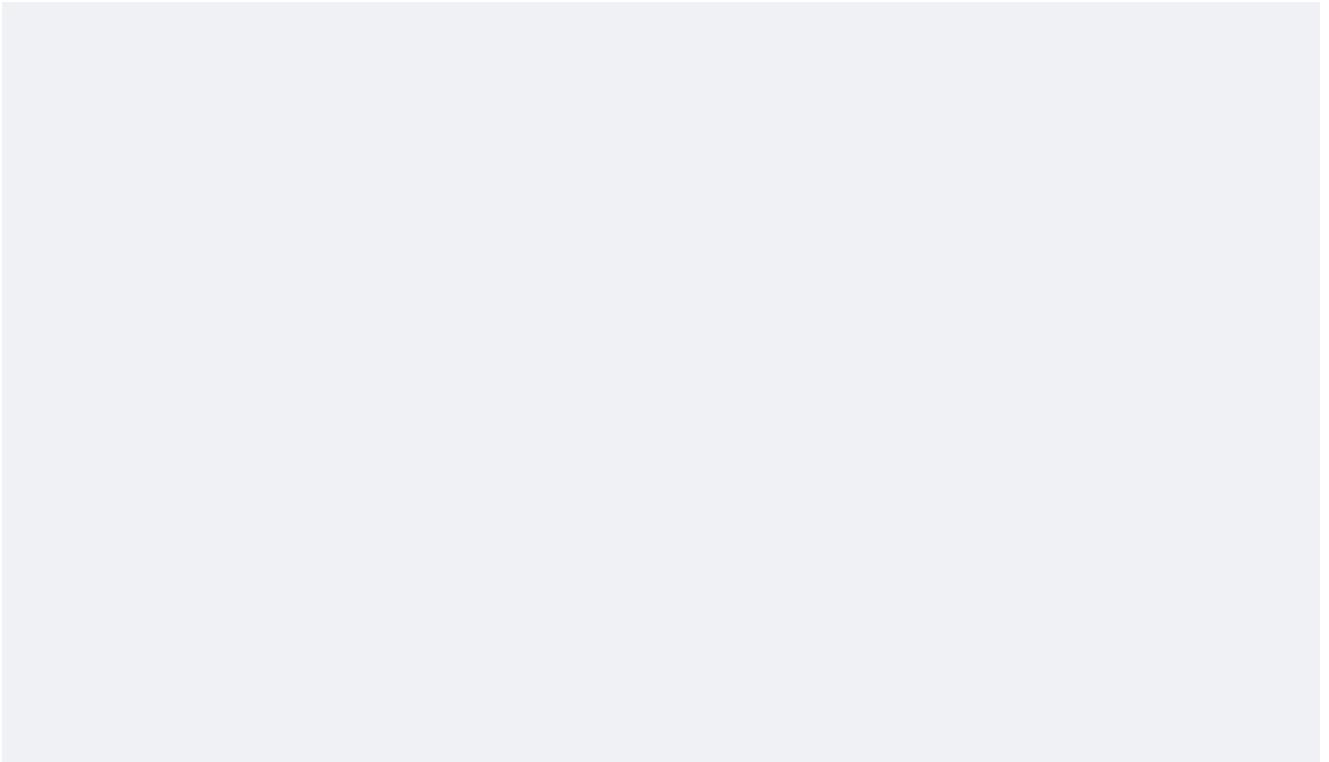
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HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR GENERAL HEALTH IN THESE AREAS?

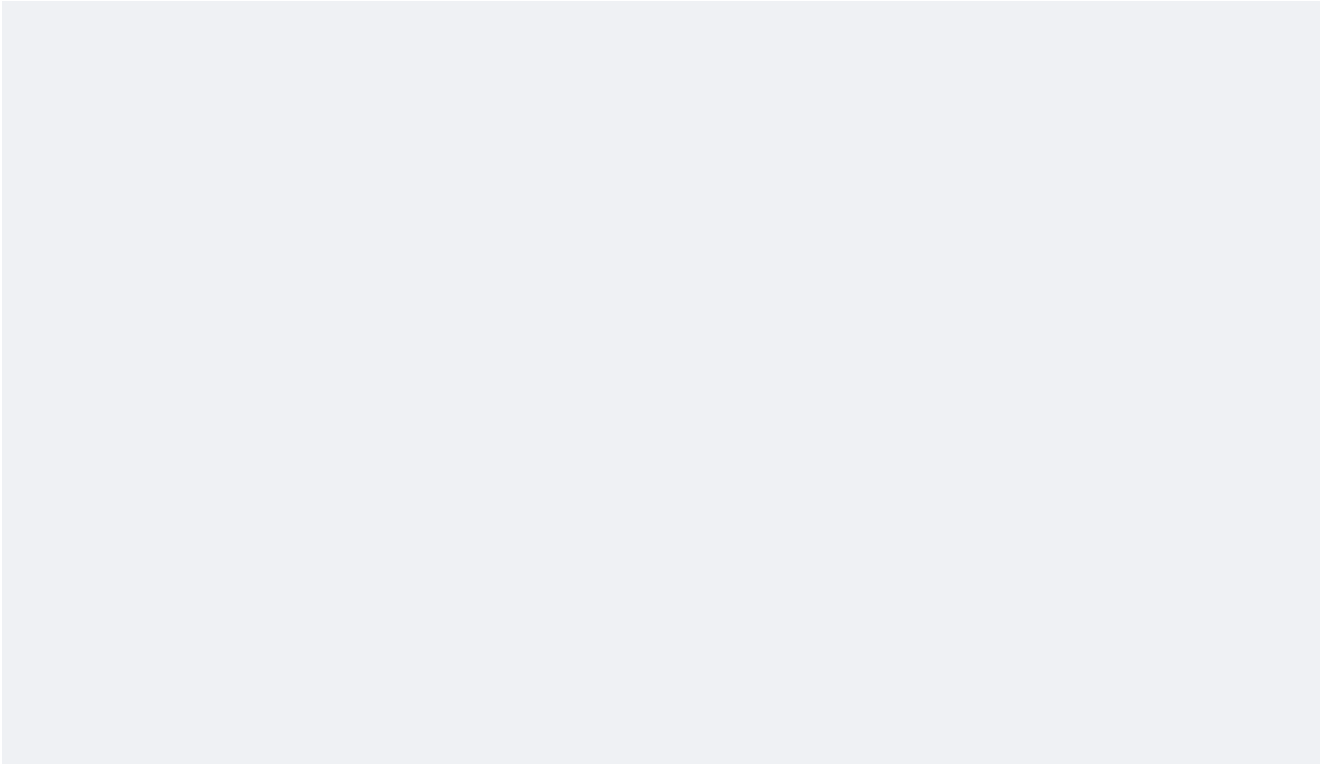
SPIRITUAL:

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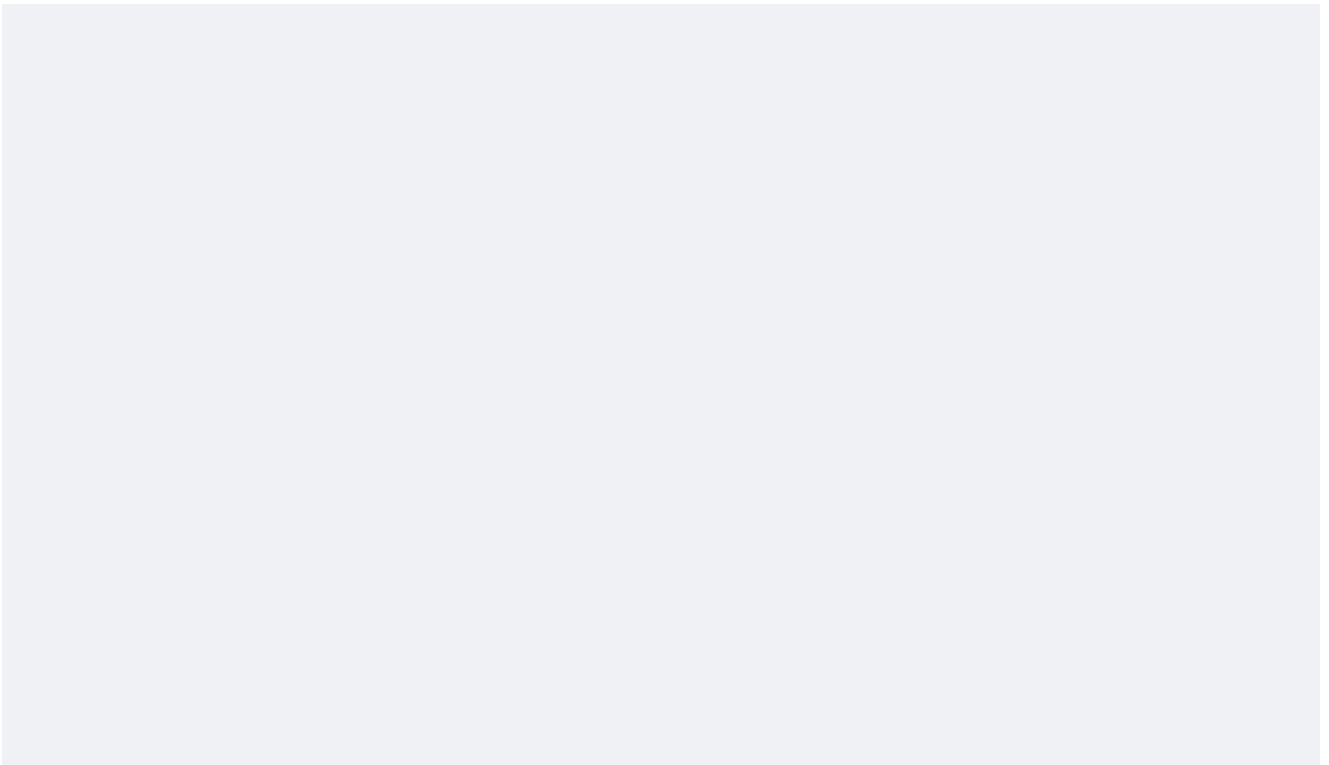
PHYSICAL:

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MENTAL:

A large, empty rectangular box with a light gray background, intended for the applicant to provide information regarding their mental health.

EMOTIONAL:

A large, empty rectangular box with a light gray background, intended for the applicant to provide information regarding their emotional health.

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

DO YOU HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK NUMBER (WWCC)? IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR WWCC NUMBER.

YES

WWCC NO:

NO

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

YES

NO

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

PROVIDE A REFEREE FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST OR COMMUNITY LEADER:

NAME OF REFEREE:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

I, 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 vocations@sydneycatholic.org