

Thank you for your interest in residency at the Next Chapter Reentry Project. At NCRP, we have a home for men and women transitioning back into the community from incarceration in county and state facilities. These homes are residential programs for women and men, and we take a holistic approach to supporting them through day-to-day life after incarceration.

We desire to assist, equip, and support men and women through teaching, modeling, and daily life together. This model of re-entry can begin to address the roots that led to the cycle of incarceration and make way for deep, holistic, and sustaining change outside of systems.

Residents commit to staying in the homes for a minimum of 1 year and may choose to apply for the Reacclimation Phase for an additional year. Through weekly Bible studies, peer-led support groups, meals, counseling, activities, outpatient treatment through our partners, and life together in a safe and healthy community, women and men can gain an understanding of Christian doctrine, rebuild family relationships, begin to heal from past traumas, grow in their strengths, and learn to disciple others. At NCRP, we are looking for men and women who desire a new way of living, are willing to be led, and will be patient with the process.



To apply for residency, please be sure to complete and include the following pieces:

1. Fill out the Residential Application completely
2. Carefully read and sign the Commitments page
3. A letter sharing life experiences that have shaped who you are
4. A letter of recommendation from a caseworker, counselor, job supervisor, pastor, or chaplain

When completed, send it either by email to Office@NextChapterRochester.org or by mail to P.O. Box 9321, Rochester, MN, 55903. After we receive your four pieces, we will review your application and contact your caseworker to plan the next steps in the process, which may include an interview.

Our organization follows a Christ-centered model. It is essential to inform you that this commitment greatly influences our culture, activities, and the guidance you can expect as a resident. However, please be assured that being a Christian is not a requirement for applying for residency, nor does it increase your chances of acceptance. We welcome everyone, regardless of religious beliefs. We are faith-based, not faith-forced. We encourage you to express yourself openly in your application and accompanying letter. We highly value honesty, embrace vulnerability, and appreciate individuals seeking truth. We recognize the complexities associated with challenging pasts in various religious contexts, and we maintain an inclusive stance regarding your current position on your spiritual journey.

****All applicants must have a history of incarceration.***

Name: _____
(First) (Last) (Middle)

Applying For: ☐ Men's Home ☐ Women's Home ☐ Family Home

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ **Today's Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

Facility Name (Current Location) & Phone #: _____

Facility Address: _____

Racial Identity: ☐ Black ☐ Native American ☐ Hispanic ☐ White ☐ _____

Have you ever applied to, participated in, or lived at Next Chapter Reentry Project before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Were you involved in the Juvenile Justice System as a youth? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Education (Please check all that apply & where you received education): ☐ GED/Diploma _____

☐ Some College _____ ☐ College Degree _____ ☐ Other _____

Do you have any children? ☐ Yes ☐ No **If so, how many?** _____

Addictions History: ☐ Drug ☐ Alcohol ☐ Gambling ☐ Pornography ☐ Other _____

Date(s) of last use & Substance(s): _____

Have you ever had a mental health evaluation (Please Attach For Review)? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, when? _

Do you have any medical/mental health conditions? If yes, please explain: _____

Are you taking any prescription medications? If so, please list them: _____

List date and length of time spent in treatment: (Please use a separate sheet if needed) _____

List date and nature of all convictions: (Please use a separate sheet if needed) _____

Recent County of Conviction: _____ **Release date:** ____ / ____ / ____

Caseworker: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Probation/Parole Officer: _____ **Phone #:** _____

What positive things/activities have you engaged in during your incarceration? (Certifications, hobbies, treatment, mentorship, studies, classes, employment, groups, etc.)

What are some of your goals for the future & what are your greatest challenges to achieving them?

Please list work skills and jobs that you have had: _____

Do you have a religious Affiliation? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

Below, please share why you selected your answer:

Why are you interested in being a resident at the Next Chapter? _____

Thanks again for applying. Please ensure that you have fully completed and included all four requested pieces.
When we receive your application, we will contact you and/or your Caseworker.

☐ Application ☐ Commitments ☐ Life experiences letter ☐ Letter of recommendation

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

As a resident of Next Chapter Reentry Project, I commit to living and participating in the home for at least one year. I may be offered the opportunity to apply for the Reacclimation Phase for an additional year. Participation is a commitment to being actively involved in the day-to-day life, relationships, activities, and responsibilities of NCRP. **I commit to being accountable to other household members and learning the characteristics of healthy relationships.**

I commit to being a participant, not just a recipient. I will participate in the lives of the others at NCRP by building relationships based on truth and accountability, contributing to the care and maintenance of the homes, and participating in the activities and outreaches of NCRP. My participation will help make a strong home for all who live there now and future residents. We want you to see your other household members as family.

I commit to accomplishing my goals and staying on pace with the goals and expectations in each program phase, and not allowing work schedules to interfere with life in the community, and prioritizing programming over outside commitments. Each phase will provide specific objectives, opportunities, accountability, and direction to assist me in the transformation and restoration that the gospel brings.

I commit to focus on myself and settling, especially during the first three weeks of my residency, to accomplish specific items during the Refine Phase. This intentional time will be used to prepare a solid foundation for the rest of my residency.

I commit to paying **\$650 each month**, as well as purchasing my own food. Please see the Residency Timeline below for more information.

Note: This commitment applies only to residents not covered under Housing Support or Freestanding Board & Lodge programs. This is only for self-pay residents. Under Housing Support or Freestanding, payments are based on income and include a food budget as part of the program.

I commit to being accountable to a financial mentor for a monthly budget and to being transparent with all of my money matters while I am a resident. This financial mentor will help me set up a budget and savings plan, set up a bank account, and be available to assist and discuss decisions impacting my financial goals.

I commit to being in the home by the determined time for evening curfew. I understand that I am expected to stay home each night after curfew and that only accepted residents will be in the home overnight. I commit to not having anyone in the house without the knowledge and consent of both the Men's and Women's staff. If consent is given by staff, my guests will abide by NCRP standards and remain on the home's main floor.

I commit not to use tobacco products, e-cigs, or vaporizers in the NCRP houses or garages. I also commit to abstaining from the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, abuse or misuse of prescription drugs, and any other substance abuse. I will be subject to UA's, either at random or if suspected of being under the influence, as a heightened accountability measure and commitment to my sobriety. This also includes the use of medical cannabis.

I commit not to alter my room or to bring any extra household items (furniture, TVs, etc.) into the home without the consent of the staff. Rooms are subject to staff evaluation at any time. Any personal belongings will not be held for more than thirty days after departure. I commit to discussing any moving or transition plans with staff at least 30 days before the move. I commit to following the established rules of NCRP and all items in the Resident Manual.

Residency Timeline

Month 1

- Beginning of Refine Phase
- Begin Rule of Life Map within the Refine Phase.
- While residents should actively seek employment, they should take some time to settle in and adjust before beginning to do so.
- Establish Medical Benefits, EBT, and other needs.
- Complete tasks around the NCRP Property assigned by the NCRP Staff

Month 2-3

- Resident commits to paying \$650 in their first month of residency and every month thereafter.
 - The ongoing monthly contribution is \$650, due by the 5th of each month.
 - **Note: Does not apply to Housing Support or Free-Standing residents.**
- Continue Rule of Life.
- After the first 3 weeks, find employment
 - Employment should be close to the NCRP if you are unable to drive
 - Would allow time for them to "get their ducks in a row" to get driving needs ready

Month 4-6

- Beginning of Restoration Phase
- Continue Working Towards Goals
- Meet with a financial advisor
- Month 6 - Complete a Review of Residency

Month 7-11

- Beginning of Reacclimation Phase
- Begin Saving Money for Future Transition
- Continue working on the goals set in the first 6 months

Month 12

- Congratulations, you have graduated from Next Chapter Reentry Project!
- Transition to an off-site location or Transition to the Reacclimation Phase
 - Year 2 (Optional) - Reacclimation Phase
 - Continues working on items with Quarterly Review

This agreement details residents' expectations. We are confident that engaging and following through with these commitments will benefit you in your transformation while showing honor to God and your "neighbor." We also believe this agreement will help you develop discipline, consistency, and perseverance, growing more responsible for the life God has given you.

I have read the Resident Commitment, and by signing it, I am stating that I desire to live by it as a resident of the home. If I do not follow through with the expectations outlined in this commitment, I may be asked to vacate the house. The decision of the Executive Director is final and binding.

Name (Print): _____

Name (Signature): _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____