

# Raise-Op Housing Cooperative: Member Application

If you would like to be considered for membership in the Raise-Op Housing Cooperative, please complete the following application (15-35 minutes). Application must be completed and submitted for information to be saved.

Please have income information for your household available to complete application, as well as any information regarding current debt or assets. Evidence of income may be requested by the application committee.

If application is acceptable, applicant will be invited to an interview with the application committee. Applicants will be informed of their application's progress or status on a weekly basis or as requested by the applicant. For more information, please visit [www.raiseop.com](http://www.raiseop.com) or email [raiseop207@gmail.com](mailto:raiseop207@gmail.com).

\* Required

## Anti-Discrimination Policy

The Raise-Op Housing Cooperative does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, familial status, or physical or mental disability.

1. **First Name \***

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2. **Last Name \***

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3. **Email \***

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4. **Phone # \***

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5. **Current Living Address \***

Street Address, Apt #, Town/City, State, Zip Code

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6. **Date of Birth \***

Note: This information is only used for the purposes of verifying information provided on application.

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7. **Household Size \***

How many people are in your household, including yourself?

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**8. List Each Household Member NAME and DATE OF BIRTH (ex. 01/31/2001) \***

Note: This information is gathered and used to comply with the conditions of funding from HUD, the State Housing Authority, and/or the local municipalities and agencies who administer government grants and financing for affordable housing.

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**9. Pets \***

How many pets and what kind currently live with you? (Maine law allows you a service animal at any residence, even where pets are otherwise prohibited).

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**10. Smoking \***

Does anyone in your household smoke?  
*Mark only one oval.*

Yes  
 No

**11. Apartment Size \***

What size apartment would you prefer to occupy? (you may select more than one)  
*Check all that apply.*

1 Bedroom  
 2 Bedrooms  
 3 Bedrooms  
 4 Bedrooms

**12. Accommodations \***

Are there specific living accommodations that you require? (other than those required by code)

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**Apartment Availability**

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Please check the website or email [raiseop207@gmail.com](mailto:raiseop207@gmail.com) to learn of current availability of units. We will do our best to match household size with sufficient bedrooms. If we cannot accommodate your household size but your are otherwise eligible for membership, your application will be kept on file and can be used as future units become available.

## Raise-Op Mission

The mission of the Raise-Op Housing Cooperative is to provide housing where Social and Financial Equity can be developed and sustained for all current and future members. The four principles that support this mission are: Respect for other people and cooperative property; Accountability to the cooperative and to each other; Integration across different social groups; Solidarity with individual members who face various social and economic challenges, and Solidarity with the movement for safe and affordable housing.

After reading the mission of the Raise-Op, please answer the following questions to determine if cooperative housing is right for you.

### 13. Respect for People \*

Can you demonstrate ongoing respect for other people, including household members, neighbors, guests, and staff?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

### 14. Respect for Property \*

Can you commit to maintaining and caring for private and common spaces owned by the cooperative?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

### 15. Accountability \*

Can you take responsibility for your actions and those actions of your household?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

### 16. Accountability (continued) \*

Can you compromise, respond to requests, and meet with people to resolve conflict?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

### 17. Integration \*

Are you interested in making decisions and sharing common space with people of different cultures, abilities, and lifestyles?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

**18. Solidarity \***

Can you commit to supporting housing as a human right, and supporting other movements and activities that promote that human right?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

**19. Social Equity \***

Can you volunteer your time and effort for the benefit of the group? (attend meetings, serve on committees, complete chores, etc.)

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

**20. Social Equity (continued) \***

Can you support other members as they volunteer to the best of their ability?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

**21. Group Equity \***

Do you support investing the cooperative's annual savings into improving and expanding the cooperative for the benefit of future members?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

**22. Do you have any additional reasons you would like to join this cooperative?**

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## Volunteer History

**23. Please tell us about your volunteer activities.**

Organization Name, Email, Phone #, Your Role, Years Involved

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## Housing History

**24. Where have you lived over the past 5 years? \***

Address, Property Owner, Owner Email and Phone #, Dates of Occupancy

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## Household Monthly Income

**25. What are the current income sources for your entire household? \***

*Check all that apply.*

- Employment Income
- Self-Employment Income
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Veterans/Military Benefits
- Retirement or Pension Plan
- Unemployment Benefits
- Workers Compensation
- Child Support or Alimony (received)
- SSI/Supplemental Security
- Interest/Dividends Income
- Earned Income Credit
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**26. What is your household's average income for one month, including all sources? \***

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## Housing Assistance

**27. Which form of housing assistance does your household receive, if any? \***

*Check all that apply.*

- None
- Housing Authority Section 8 Voucher
- HUD Housing Assistance, Subsidized Housing
- General Assistance, City Hall
- Bridging Rental Assistance Program BRAP
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Credit Record

A credit record describes someone's history of owing money or "debt" for services they have previously received. Examples include loans for purchasing a car, going to college, buying a house, or bills for medical services, rent, and cell phone plans.

**28. How would you like to share your credit background information? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- I have a recent credit report, within one year, that I will submit with my application.
- I am willing to check my credit report in an interview.

**29. Do you have any current debt, such as loans, mortgages, notes payable, payment plans, overdue bills, unpaid taxes, or credit cards? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes      *Skip to question 30.*
- No      *Skip to question 32.*

**30. Are any of your debts in default, in collection, or over 30 days past due? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes.
- No      *Skip to question 32.*

**31. Please list any debts below that are in default, in collection, past due, or that you think require further explanation. \***

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## Assets

Assets are items of value that can be used to generate income for the owner.

**32. Does anyone in your household own any of the following assets? \***

*Check all that apply.*

- Stocks or bonds
- Real Estate (Housing, Land, Buildings)
- Equity in a Business Corporation
- Property You Rent to Others
- I do not own any assets listed above

**33. Please describe below any of the assets that you selected.**

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# Background Check

## 34. Complaints \*

In your past housing situation, have any complaints been made against your household? Please explain:

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## 35. Convictions \*

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Please explain:

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## 36. Other Comments

Is there any more information you wish to share that has not been covered by this application?

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# Terms of Agreement

Please read agreement and enter your full name in both spaces provided.

## 37. Signature of Confirmation \*

"By entering my name below, I confirm that I am legally able to enter into contract for housing and that the information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 38. Signature of Authorization \*

"By entering my name below, I authorize the Raise-Op application committee to use any information provided on this application to contact any individual or organization listed on the application to verify my eligibility for membership."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_