Community at the Crossing

Is it for me?

There are some considerations to take into account before starting an application to join the Community at the Crossing.

Here are 8 things you need to know.

1. Age

To be a Residential member, you must be between the ages of 21-30 on September 1st of the year you would join the community. To be a Local member, you must be between the ages of 21-33 on September 1st of the year you would join the community. Why the age limit? For more information, see paragraph in our FAQs.
Over the age of 35? Consider becoming a Companion of the Community at the Crossing.

2. Relationship status

This is a fully immersive program. We want to prioritize our experience as part of a community with those we are given to share daily life with, rather than with one single person outside of the community. If you are selected for the program, the expectation is that you commit to not entering a relationship during the program. Our best recommendation is that residential members are single upon starting the year. The residential accommodation does not allow us to welcome couples as residential members. Local members can be single, in a couple, or married. For those in a relationship, it is important to have the support of your partner in your decision to apply.

3. Children and families

Residential: Because of space limitations within the Cathedral accommodation it is not possible to accommodate parents with children. Local: Parents may apply, but we can't offer childcare, so you will need to consider in advance how you will manage family life alongside your commitments to community. Do contact us to talk if you are unsure.

4. Finance

The Community at the Crossing has been established as a non-profit, supported by generous donors. Members further this fundraising effort. Please read our FAQs for more precise details about finance.

5. Could my health be a barrier?

We want the Community to be open to those with various physical or mental health challenges. We'd be happy to talk about the ways in which any condition you have may be managed to enable you to participate in community life.

6. The demands of diversity

Being a part of the community is a major step in life. Being part of a community with many differences between members brings riches and challenges. We are very different from one another - different churches, religious beliefs, social background, opinions. This year will be an opportunity to learn and receive from one another - this calls for courage and openness. It requires a level of Christian maturity and commitment to your faith in order to live, study, pray and volunteer alongside a group of other people. Community life ranges from cleaning tasks to Cathedral worship, from choosing a movie or board game to theological discussion. A willingness to get 'stuck in', to be a participant in all forms of community life is vital. You will not be asked to change your personality or your denomination, but you will necessarily be asked to put yourself outside of your comfort zone.

7. What about work?

Residential members will be full time in community life and therefore there will be no time for other work (you will spend time serving in charities). Local members would normally be already in the US or have the right to work in the US. This way of belonging is designed to enable those in work already to join in with community life.

8. Do I need to be a U.S. citizen?

The Community at the Crossing is open to anybody from across the United States, regardless of nationality. You do not have to be a U.S. citizen to be a member, however, we cannot sponsor visas for the program. To apply, you must already have the legal right to remain in the US for the duration of the program.