



Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs

Can I go to school (be a student)?

Yes. Ascend might be a really good fit for a part-time student or someone taking a reduced course load. Someone in a demanding academic program, though, would probably find it difficult to balance this with the community stuff.

So, what sort of time commitments are we really talking about here?

Community members can count on spending at least 2 nights a week and at least one full day (Sat. or Sun.) each weekend doing official Ascend activities. Some of the things you'll do with that time include community building and prayer, workshops and various formation and/or service activities.

What does it cost?

Each ALP is expected to raise \$3000 during the summer months (before moving in) from their home church and personal networks in support of the Ascend Leadership Project. Donors will be able to donate online and will receive a tax-deductible receipt from the Diocese of Edmonton. ALPs can also choose to themselves donate to the project, rather than raising the full amount. This \$3000 covers all project expenses for the year, including housing, utilities, and project materials.

Will I have to share a room?

Some rooms are shared. Some rooms are singles. There's a place on the application where you can indicate preference for either a single room or a shared room. Initial room assignments will be revisited at Christmas.

Will I have a curfew?

No, of course not. You're an adult, right?

How do I apply?

You can request an application on our website. www.ascendleadershipproject.com

How old do I have to be to join?

Roughly between 19-29 years. But if you don't fit exactly into this age bracket and you feel like Ascend might be right for you, contact us; this is only a general guideline.

How long is the Project?

10 months (Sept.-June). You'd commit to living in the house as part of the community for that time. You might also have the option to stay in the house for July and August, for a nominal fee.

What will ALP's (Ascend Leadership Project Interns) actually do?

We have three main focuses:

1. *Go Deep in Prayer* - the community will spend time praying and worshipping together
2. *Get Real in Community* - ALP's live together in Ascension house and share meals, chores and their lives
3. *Give Back in Faith* - we'll spend time together discerning how God is calling you/us to reach out

Can I work?

Yes. ALP's are encouraged to work or volunteer at least part-time. It's a good chance to practice balancing "real-world" responsibilities with an active and disciplined spiritual life; as well, you will need some money for food, entertainment, transportation and other incidental costs. Not every job would be a good fit with Ascend, though. You will need to be available certain evenings and weekends to invest in the life of the community and participate in project activities.