



Ending homelessness in New York.

THE BROOK

APPLICATION



All information obtained is confidential and will be used for application review purposes only. The Brook maintains a firm commitment to equal opportunity for all applicants. The Brook does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, HIV status, or disability.



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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in The Brook which is owned and managed by Common Ground in partnership with BronxWorks. This newly constructed building will offer 24-hour security, fitness room, roof garden, computer lab and on-site laundry. Per your request, an application is enclosed.

The completed application must be returned by mail to the following address:

**Common Ground
Central Intake Unit – Brook
255 West 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036**

The rent, household size, studio size and income distribution for these apartments is as follows:

Apartments Available	Apartment Size	Household Size	Monthly Rent*	Total Annual Income Range** Minimum-Maximum
69	Studio (250-278 sq. ft)	1	\$600	\$18,000-\$36,120

* Includes Heat & Electric for cooking

**Income eligibility is based on the Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit guidelines and is subject to change. If your income is less than the minimum requirements listed above, you must have a rental subsidy (such as Section 8) to qualify. You will be required to submit proof of your rental subsidy (e.g. Rent Breakdown Letter or a copy of your voucher) at the time of interview.

Additional eligibility requirements:

- **Full-time students** are **not eligible** for residency, unless you qualify for an exception under the IRS code.
- Pets are **not** allowed.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed for eligibility and placed on a waitlist. Eligible applicants will be asked to participate in at least two interviews. At the time of the interviews, the Intake Unit will review your financial, credit, housing and employment histories. Please be aware that acceptance for our housing is based on all of these criteria. **AT NO TIME IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS ARE YOU GUARANTEED AN APARTMENT UNTIL YOU HAVE SIGNED A LEASE.**

If you are receiving services from the **New York City HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA)** you should contact your caseworker to be referred by HASA. If you meet the income requirements you may still apply through this lottery, however please note that the HASA rental subsidy only applies to those individuals referred by HASA.

If you have any questions or experience difficulty completing the forms, please contact the Intake office at 212-659-0878.

Sincerely,

Intake Department
The Brook

We Provide Housing in Compliance with Federal Fair Housing Laws

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

19. List all full- and/or part-time jobs worked during the last five years, including self-employment and/or freelance income. List your current/most recent job first. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

DATE	EMPLOYER	POSITION	SALARY	REASON FOR LEAVING
FROM				
TO				
FROM				
TO				
FROM				
TO				
FROM				
TO				

OTHER CURRENT SOURCES OF INCOME

20. Please list other income that you currently receive, such as public assistance, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, pension, disability, unemployment compensation, alimony, child support, Armed Forces Reserves, regular financial support and/or grants.

TYPE OF INCOME	AMOUNT
1)	\$ _____ per _____
2)	\$ _____ per _____
3)	\$ _____ per _____

ASSETS

21. Complete each category as applicable.

TYPE	BANK NAME	AMOUNT
CHECKING		
DIRECT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		
SAVINGS/PASSBOOK		
MONEY MARKET/TRUSTS		
CREDIT UNION SHARES		
CDs		
IRAs/ RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS		
STOCKS/BONDS		

22. Do you own any real estate? YES NO If yes: What is the current market value? _____
 What is the value less any mortgage or lien? _____

Do you receive any rent from tenant(s) living at this property? YES NO

If yes, how much? _____

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE

23. Have you ever been evicted? YES NO If yes, when? _____

Briefly explain circumstances: _____

24. Have you ever filed for personal bankruptcy? YES NO If yes, when? _____

Briefly explain circumstances: _____

25. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO If yes, when? _____

Briefly explain circumstances: _____

26. Are you subject to a state registration for sex offenders? YES NO

If yes, is this a lifetime registration? YES NO

Briefly explain circumstances: _____

27. How did you learn about the availability of these apartments? Please check and fill in all choices that apply.

- Sign posted on building
- Newspaper Name: _____
- Local Organization Name: _____

- Website Name: _____
- Other: _____

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing information is true, accurate and complete. I understand that misleading or false statements, misrepresentations, or incomplete information in this application will be grounds for rejection. I authorize Common Ground Management to contact my agencies, offices, other groups or organizations to obtain any information or materials deemed necessary to process my application, including verifying my financial, credit, housing and legal history. I understand that this information will be considered when determining my eligibility.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This is a checklist that you can use to ensure that you are submitting a complete application. Incomplete applications will not be processed. All applicable forms and/or documents must be submitted. If your application is selected, you will be required to provide additional documentation regarding your income and landlord history.

1. THE APPLICATION

Please fill out completely, sign, date and return by regular mail.

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2. RECENT PAY STUBS

If you are working, please include copies of your last six pay stubs with year-to- date totals.

3. VERIFICATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

If you receive SSA, SSI, or SSD, please provide a current award letter (you can request one from your local social security office). The letter must be dated within the last 90 days.

4. VERIFICATION OF PENSION AND ANNUITIES

If you receive a pension or annuities, please provide documentation of the monthly or yearly amount in a letter dated within the last 90 days.

5. COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT FEDERAL TAX RETURNS

Please enclose a copy of your most recent Federal tax return (Form 1040), including W2s, 1099s, and all schedules. If you are a performer or freelance artist, you must also include the two prior year's returns. If you did not file Federal tax returns and are not exempt from doing so, please contact the nearest IRS office for assistance. Your state tax returns are not needed.

6. STATEMENT(S) OF ASSETS

Please provide copies of documentation of the accounts you listed in the application. All statements must be dated within the last 90 days.

COMMON GROUND EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION

I hereby authorize the release of the requested information, which will be kept confidential and used for program purposes only. Common Ground will call to verify this information.

Applicant's Name (printed)

Applicant's Signature

Dear Supervisor/HR Department Representative:

The above-named person is an applicant to or participant in a federal housing program regulated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS program rules require verification of all income information. We ask your cooperation in providing the requested information. Thank you for your assistance.

Please complete and return to:

Common Ground
Central Intake Unit
255 West 43rd Street
NY, NY 10036

Fax: 212-302-8147
Attention:

1. Employee's Start Date: _____ Still Employed? _____ If no, last date worked _____
2. Position/Job Title: _____ Probability of Continued Employment _____
3. Year to Date Gross Earnings: \$ _____ through ___/___/___
4. Average Gross Pay: \$ _____ per week / bi-weekly / monthly / annual (circle one)
5. Hourly Pay Rate: \$ _____ (if applicable) 6. Average Hours per Week: _____
7. Current Rate of Overtime (OT) Pay: \$ _____ /hr (if applicable)
Anticipated amount of OT: ___/hrs per week / bi-weekly / monthly (circle one)
8. Anticipated Tips, Commissions, Bonuses \$ _____ per _____
9. Do you anticipate any changes in salary in the next 12 months? YES NO (circle one)
If yes, please explain: _____
10. If work is seasonal or sporadic, indicate layoff period: _____

This information is provided in strict confidence by:

Signature of Employer

Printed Name of Employer/Title

Company Name

Company Address

Daytime Phone Number

Date

Warning: Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code makes it a criminal offense to make a willful false statement or misrepresentations to any Department or Agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

COMMON GROUND LANDLORD VERIFICATION FORM

I hereby authorize the release of the requested information, which will be kept confidential and used for program purposes only. Common Ground will call to verify this information.

Applicant's Name (printed)

Applicant's Signature

Dear Landlord:

As the Central Intake Unit of Common Ground, we have been authorized to verify the information provided by the individual whose signature appears above. Thank you for your assistance.

Please complete and return to:

Common Ground
Central Intake Unit
255 West 43rd Street
NY, NY 10036

Fax: 212-302-8147
Attention:

1. Resides, or once resided, at the following apartment (list address):

2. Length and dates of residence: _____

3. Monthly Rent Amount – current or time of move out: _____

4. Timeliness of Rent Payments in last 12 months (or 12 months prior to move out):

Paid in full and by date rent was due in each month

Did not pay in full and on time each month – please explain:

5. Care of Premises: _____

6. Do you plan to, or did you, return the applicant's security deposit in full? YES NO

If no, why? _____

7. Are you aware of any incidents relating to the applicant that required police presence at the premises?

YES NO

If yes, please explain: _____

8. Other Comments: _____

This information is provided in strict confidence by:

PRINT Name

Signature

Title (e.g. Primary lessee, Managing Agent, etc.)

Address

Daytime Phone Number

Date

COMMON GROUND ASSET VERIFICATION FORM

I hereby authorize the release of the requested information, which will be kept confidential and used for program purposes only. Common Ground will call to verify this information.

Applicant's Name (printed)

Applicant's Signature

Dear Financial Institution,

The above named person is an applicant/participant to/in a federal housing program regulated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS program rules require verification of all income information. We ask your cooperation in providing the requested information. Thank you for your assistance.

All sections must be answered – if one does not apply to a particular account, please write "N/A."

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Fax: 212-302-8147
Attention:

1. Checking Account(s) – use #2 to indicate non-checking accounts.

Account Number(s)	Average Six-Month Balance	Withdrawal Penalty	Interest Rate (expressed as a percentage)	OR	YTD Dividends Earned (expressed as a dollar amount)

2. Savings Account(s)/Certificate of Deposit(s)/Other Non-Checking Accounts

Account Number(s)	Current Balance	Withdrawal Penalty	Interest Rate (expressed as a percentage)	OR	YTD Dividends Earned (expressed as a dollar amount)

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Name of Company Official

Title of Company Official

Signature

Company

Date

Address

Telephone Number

City, State, Zip Code

Company
Stamp
or
Seal
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Mandatory

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