

STEP ONE:

Contact Sweetwater Spectrum (SwS) by phone or through the website.

STEP TWO:

Obtain, complete and submit an application for residency to SwS with a \$40 processing fee.

STEP THREE:

Executive director (ED) and Residency Review Committee (RRC) review application for initial qualification (eight requirements listed below). ED (only) reviews submitted financial information to determine initial financial qualification.

STEP FOUR:

ED conducts face-to-face interview with potential resident and appropriate family or care provider(s).

PRELIMINARY ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED

STEP FIVE:

Applicant (and/or family) is instructed to establish and submit a comprehensive, individualized plan for care that will allow the applicant to live communally with appropriate support systems.

STEP SIX:

- A. ED and RRC review submitted plan for care. Applicant will be informed if additional provisos are required. If so, they will need to be satisfied prior to moving to the step seven.
- B. ED (with SwS financial advisor) conducts an extensive review of applicant's (and/or family's/guarantor's) financial capability to pay all current and future SwS required costs as well as personal expenses. Or applicant (and/or family/guarantor) works with ED to establish a financial subsidy amount.

SECONDARY ELIGIBILITY DETERMINED

STEP SEVEN:

Determine shared housing. (The inaugural residents to each of the four houses will not be required to complete this step and a lease will be executed. They will be required to select a house and a room). Inaugural residents will meet *secondarily eligible* applicants to consider shared housing. If qualified candidates are presented and not selected within 60 days, SwS will work with the applicant to determine housemates. When the second housemate is determined, the two residents (then three) will repeat this step until all four rooms are filled.

LEASE AND GUARANTEE OF LEASE EXECUTED

In order to qualify for residency at the Sweetwater Spectrum community, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- 1) Have an understanding of the Sweetwater Spectrum model
- 2) Be 18 years of age or older
- 3) Have a preference to live in a community designed for persons with autism spectrum disorder or similar disorders
- 4) Be able to comply with the terms and conditions of the lease and other community rules and regulations
- 5) Have public or private support and services in place to the extent necessary to live “independently”
- 6) Have resources (or guarantor) to pay for all current and future Sweetwater Spectrum required costs and personal expenses or have worked with Sweetwater Spectrum to secure financial subsidy
- 7) Not present an unmanageable risk to themselves or others
- 8) Not have a criminal record that may adversely affect the health or safety of others