



## **House Expectations & Application :**

# GRACE RECOVERY

THE BEST IS YET TO COME.

**Please be sure you read this entire packet before continuing.**

We believe to be clear is to be kind. We expect you to be open and honest. In doing so, We will set that example for you from the very beginning. We want to be clear from the beginning with our expectations so that you can make an educated decision while entering our program.

Grace Recovery is a Christian-based recovery program. We are designed to help people find and follow Jesus. Recovery is a byproduct of that decision to follow Jesus.

Our recovery is based on principles and disciples found in the Bible. We need our applicants to be willing to surrender to our structure and give 100%. If you cannot handle being without a relationship or have a problem with someone getting into your business, you need to stop filling out this application. Remember your way does not work, so you **MUST** be willing to allow us to help you develop a new way of living.

We have never had one person **completely surrender** to the structure of the program and fail. Those who fail are those who refuse to surrender and try to hold onto old habits and ways of living.

**Here are 5 basic questions for you to consider:**

1. Are you willing to do whatever it takes to change your life completely?
2. Are you willing to give up your criminal mentality and way of living?
3. Are you willing to commit to one year in the Grace Recovery program?
4. Will you put off any romantic relationship you have to work on your relationship with Christ so that you can eventually have a healthy relationship with others?
5. Will you be able to handle correction from authority?

If you are sincerely ready to change your life, the answer is yes to ALL of those questions we can help you!

By signing this agreement, you are hereby acknowledging you are in an addiction recovery living environment and have no landlord/tenant rights, which would normally be afforded to you while stay at Grace Recovery Ministries recovery house. You are accepting the following rules and are agreeing to follow them during your stay in the house. Any violation of the following rules will result in immediate discharge from the house, and failure to leave immediately may result in both criminal and/or civil action being brought against you.

What are our expectations from Grace Recovery Ministries' house guests:

1. Grace Recovery Ministries cannot and will not accept anyone with a medication that can cause another in our recovery prone to stumble. Many people in our homes suffer from various forms of addiction, and we must protect them from any and every danger of relapse. If you are on psychological medication or pain medication that fits this description, we cannot accept you into the program. In addition to prescription medication, we include any herbal or synthetic medicines or supplements that might alter the mind or mood (ex: K2, Kratom, Bath Salts, CBD oil, Diet pills, Alcohol, or any other substance deemed dangerous by our staff.) (There are far too many types of these types of substances to name, with more being created daily. Again we do not allow the culture to deem what is acceptable. Such determinations of what is unacceptable shall be determined by the authorized structure of the house, in their sole, absolute and unreviewable discretion.)

2. There will be No foul language, inappropriate or crude joking, or cursing while at the house. Remember, you are entering the program to learn to find and how to follow Christ in every aspect of your life.

3. We do not condone, promote or encourage "the criminal code" at Grace Recovery Ministries. If you are looking to continue living like a criminal, then you do not need to apply with us. We help our people find and follow Jesus and become free from the lie that glamorizes being a criminal, and we desire our people to become productive citizens.

4. It is important that you understand, We inform the probation and parole office if anyone is violated by our program. We respect our community and work to help people break free from the criminal mentality. That means 100% honesty with community agencies.

5. You are expected to give back to the community and serve people. You will be very busy and actively involved in serving the community. We strive to work with our community leaders and agencies. DFS, Drug court, probation and parole, juvenile centers, prisons, churches, and rehab centers.

6. Serving in the community. You will be REQUIRED to give back at least an hour a week serving the community. This will be done within your local church. Some will be greeters, parking lot attendants, altar workers, and even working with the kid's program. Some tasks require you to be 6 months sober and in good standing and have a clear background check. If you have a problem serving in the local church this program is not for you.

7. For the first 30 days, you are on automatic probation. The only time you can leave is to look for work or go to meetings. You may go to the store if you are accompanied by a recovery leader who is off probation. You will have no cell phone or other electronic privileges during this time. Those are a privilege and will be treated as such. YOU MUST RETURN TO THE HOUSE BY 5:00 PM while on probation. You will be watched for your behavior. If you are negative, rebellious, or refuse to follow the structure that has been laid out for you, you will ask to leave. We are 100% committed to partnering with people who are serious about changing their entire lives. We want to help people who are willing to do whatever it takes to become a trophy of God's Grace.

8. THERE IS A STRICT AND ENFORCED CURFEW. Everyone should be in the house by 9:00 PM and the lights are out at 10:00 PM. While on probation YOU MUST RETURN TO THE HOUSE BY 5:00 PM.

9. Relationships are a proven cause of relapse and we expect that our guests abstain from relationships. Romantic relationships of any kind are prohibited while in our program. We expect you to give us 12 months of your life to help you learn how to have a healthy relationship with Jesus first and foremost.

10. Part of our program is teaching men to be productive members of society and how to live healthy lifestyles. Wake up is at 6:00 am Monday - Friday & Sunday and 8:00 am on Saturdays it is your responsibility to wake up and make your bed. There is no sleeping around the house and being unproductive. We start each day with a group bible study. Learning structure and how to live a healthy lifestyle is something that many of you have never been taught before. You are to be up and getting your day started every morning. Your chores are to be done daily BEFORE you leave the house. If you have the day off and would like to take a nap then make sure it is in your own bed after making sure your chores and daily commitments are complete. - THERE WILL BE NO SLEEPING IN COMMON AREAS.

11. Our residents leave and look for work daily until they have a job. If you do not have a job, your job is to get one. Every day you are to place at least five (5) job applications. (Monday through Friday.) Occasionally we have job leads, but you are responsible for looking for work and turning in the applications. You will have to provide your own bus pass. EVERYONE MUST HAVE A JOB, and the job must be during the day Monday through Saturday. No Nights, No overnights and you will not miss Sunday morning Church. If you don't want to attend church, work or cannot work or attend church this program is not for you.

12. Accountability is essential to your success. We will be in your business. That is a core reason everyone maintains the same schedule and working hours. Those who want to isolate themselves and live a secluded life will not make it to our program. WE BELIEVE CONNECTION IS IMPORTANT and essential for your success in the Grace Recovery program!

13. We drug test randomly and upon suspicion with a twice-a-month minimum. Also anytime you leave for an overnight. If you use drugs or alcohol you must leave immediately. If you mess up we will consider a second chance through a local detox program and a plan for individuals to show that they want to come back. If they continue to show up and stay faithful, and participate in the program with the right attitude then we will give them another shot. A second chance is given upon leadership discretion. Our ultimate goal is to have you succeed.

14. There are no locked doors, or padlocks to be kept by any guest or for any reason. The leadership has the authority and will check the property at any time. The only exception is for the house leader who will have to answer to leadership from Grace Recovery.

15. We are Baptists in practice. If you are not a baptist Christian, we will still accept you but understand that our church is a baptist church in doctrine and practice. We will not allow someone to change that authority. We accept all Christian believers, no matter what background you come from if you can accept our structure and rules.

16. Biblical Discipleship is a MUST. We have Grace Recovery leaders who will act as a disciple. meet one on one that will help you apply disciplines and principles that are found in God's word to your life. Finding purpose gives hope. A Disciple is a follower or student of a teacher or leader. No matter who you are or what you've done EVERYONE NEEDS A DISCIPLE. Someone who they can learn from and do their life with.

17. WE WILL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ACCEPT ANYONE WITH SEXUAL OFFENSES INTO OUR HOUSING.

18. We do not accept men with protection orders against them, either with domestic assaults in the community.

19. Hygiene and housekeeping. No one wants to be around a person who is filthy or doesn't care about themselves. You MUST shower daily and take care of your personal hygiene. You must also be dressed in the house. No one wants to see you with your clothes off. CLOTHES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.

20. Laundry facilities are a privilege and they are to be taken care of! Bedding is to be washed weekly, and it is your responsibility to wash your own clothes and bedding. Your laundry basket is to be kept up. (YOU ARE NOT TO HAVE DIRTY CLOTHES PILED UP ANYWHERE!) and once your laundry basket is full you are to do your own laundry. No one wants your smelly clothing!

21. There will be chores assigned to each member of your household and you are expected to do your chores daily. No exceptions. Chores will be given out by leadership and will change every two weeks. Everyone carries their weight.

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22. People living within the House are required to attend house meetings, Monday night Grace Recovery meetings, and BOTH Sunday Grace Churches morning services and join a life group that meets throughout the week. You are getting to join a Christian environment that has a culture of imperfect people finding and following Jesus. You are joining a messy church that is excited to have you! You should be excited and excited to get plugged into the local church.

23. There will be mandatory house meetings where issues will be discussed, disagreements will be settled and new ideas will be considered. Also, you will be required to attend one meeting a week regarding a biblical mindset. Many have spent their lives with a "fight or flight" mentality- handling disagreements like children. We teach men and women how to handle conflict like adults. These meetings will be taught by leaders from partnered churches. This will give you a chance to understand the mindset of Godly men and women that have been through the ups and downs of life. They will teach practical ways to be the person God intended you to be! The discipleship houses are for men and women to learn and grow. Plan on being a busy person. Those who have the desire to learn put hard work into the program and take the most away!

24. Personal Items: We are not responsible for anything that you bring into the house. Grace Recovery Ministries is not responsible for lost or damaged or stolen items you bring, buy, or possess in the house at any time. YOU BRING THESE ITEMS INTO THE HOUSE AT YOUR OWN RISK. Nothing but clothing, hygiene, phones and learning material (bible, books, notepads), and laptops can be brought into the house.

25. All house guests are required to get "connected" This is one of the most (if not the most) important parts of your walk with the Lord. You are expected to find a place you can get involved and meet people to share your struggles, make friends and learn how to live a productive Christian life. (Grace Recovery and Grace Church have plenty of resources to get you "connected" and for people who are serious this should not be a problem.)

26. Parking is available to those with vehicle privileges. You cannot bring several cars, The vehicle must run, and be legal and YOU MUST have a valid driver's license. No one will drive without a license period. If you want to break the law then, Grace Recovery is not for you.

27. House phones: These phones are not to be tied up by one person all the time. The house phone, which may be at the sole, absolute unreviewable discretion of ministry employees or volunteers, be used by house guests. This is a privilege, and the house will not allow overuse or abuse of this privilege. The house phone is so that your family can contact you, you can contact prospective jobs, etc. The time limit of the phone is 10 minutes at a time. Absolutely no calls after 10:00 PM or before 6:00 AM (With very limited exceptions)

28. All house guests are responsible for providing their own food. There will be occasional donations to the house however this is NOT something you can rely on. There are community resources available, ALL GUESTS are responsible for providing their own food. No food will be allowed in rooms and eating is limited to the kitchen/dining room only. You will have a designated place for you to put your food items. Your name MUST BE clearly written on all items and they must be kept in designated areas. Under no circumstances is anyone allowed to take from someone else's food without permission and doing so will result in being terminated from the house.

29. Items you may bring in: pillow, blanket, clothing, pictures, hygiene, and things of that nature. You may not bring furniture, T.V., game systems, or things that nature. Remember this season of your life is going to prepare you for the rest of your life. Use this time wisely.

30. No weapons, pornography, or any Rated R films with sexual content, inappropriate magazines, music, or anything that could cause your brother in Christ to stumble. Such determinations of what is inappropriate shall be determined by the authorized structure of the house, in their sole, absolute, and unreviewable discretion. Any variation from the structure of these rules or any display of what is deemed unacceptable by Grace Recovery Staff or volunteers is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.

31. Each male house guest is required to pay \$433 a month for programming service fees. Grace Recovery is not into making money off of you. But we must charge programming service fees in order to maintain the premises and the house. Service Fees help pay for things like your room being furnished, the houses having things you need to live, maintenance, Curriculum you learn from ext. The only thing you need to provide is your food and your hygiene materials. We will try to help you with these things but they are not guaranteed. Please understand that by Having your first month's fee paid when you come gives you a great advantage! It helps keep you from falling behind. There are Sometimes we can allow a person to come without their fees and give them a chance to pay for their bed with their first check, but many times we are over budget in this area. When a person has their fee ahead of time they have the advantage of getting the spot. In the real world, you will have to pay your way, our structure is set up no differently. Remember you are accepted because of your request to learn how to be a disciple of Christ. In doing so, pay your programming services fees as soon as you receive your first check. NOTE: If you fall behind in the amount of \$600.00 then you MUST LEAVE THE HOUSE By signing this agreement you agree to waive any legal rights or causes of action you may otherwise have. You also understand and acknowledge that this is not a landlord-tenant relationship in any way.

32. Notice if you are asked to leave for any reason pertaining to our structure, or you leave without 30 days' written notice you will not get your money back. That includes breaking a 12-month commitment that is mandatory. This is a breach of your contract.

33. Please note that if you have a personal phone or laptop computer, you must open it upon request to make sure that you are not violating any of our structures pertaining to criminal behavior, relationships, or pornography. Failure to submit to this rule is a breach of your contract.

34. Grace Recovery Ministries shall not be liable to you for any items, either lost or stolen, that you bring into the house. Grace Recovery Ministries shall not be liable for accidents, incidents, or other causes of actions that may arise from living with other house guests. You acknowledge and assume the risk associated with other house guests who may be convicted criminals, suffer from addictions, and or have mental health issues. You acknowledge the risk associated with living with these individuals and agree to hold Grace Recovery Ministries Harmless from any cause of action or liability which may arise from living in this environment.

35. Should any part of this agreement be rendered or declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or portion of this agreement should not invalidate the remaining portions thereof, and they shall remain in full force and effect.

36. This agreement shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri.

In witness whereof, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) executes this agreement and acknowledges and accepts all the above rules, regulations, waiver or liabilities and statements and waives any rights as defined above on this date of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

As you continue on to the application portion of this packet. Please make sure that you have read all the expectations of the House.



**GRACE RECOVERY APPLICATION:**

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Last Name\* FirstName\* Middle Name\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\* Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City\* State\* Zip Code\*

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Email Phone number\*

Are you a sex offender? Yes No

How did you hear about Grace Recovery Ministries  
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(1) References, not in prison

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Last Name\* FirstName\* Middle Name\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\* Address

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City\* State\* Zip Code\*

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Email Phone number\*

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Relationship to you\*

(2) References, not in prison

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Last Name\* FirstName\* Middle Name\*

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Address

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City\*

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State\*

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Zip Code\*

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Relationship to you\*

(3) References, not in prison

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Last Name\* FirstName\* Middle Name\*

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Address

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Relationship to you\*

Can you pay the initial first month's program service Fee? If yes, please explain how.

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Do you have any children? If yes explain your relationship with them and their mother (guardian)

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Do you have any pending charges, if so explain.

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Is there an order of protection against you in the state of Missouri?

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Are you currently on any prescribed medication? If so please explain.

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For anyone who is medicated due to psychological issues Should not apply to our specific program. We are not a medical center and cannot accept this type of client.

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When was the last time you used drugs, alcohol, or any other medication prescribed by a doctor?

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Are you in a romantic relationship of any kind, including an emotional relationship? If yes please explain.

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1. You cannot under any circumstances, be in a romantic relationship with anyone. (That means emotional or physical.)
2. If you are alone in any way with the opposite sex you will be asked to leave this house. (This will be a direct breach of your contract.)
3. When you are ready for a relationship that means you live on your own.
4. Remember you signed a contract and that this is part of your contract. This window of time is for you to get your relationship with God in order.
5. We hope and pray that one day you find your spouse. When that day comes. We hope that you are ready to fulfill your role biblically so you do not fall.

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.  
I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in my dismissal from the program.

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

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

## **Rules Concerning Relationships:**

1. You cannot under any circumstances, be in a romantic relationship with anyone. (That means emotional or physical.)
2. If you are alone in any way with the opposite sex, you will be asked to leave this house. (This will be a direct breach of your contract.)
3. When you are ready for a relationship, that means you are ready to live on your own.
4. Remember, you signed a contract and this is part of it. This window of time is for you to get right your relationship with God.
5. We pray one day you find your spouse, and we hope that you are ready to fulfill your biblical roles as a husband and wife.

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Please Send all applications to:

Mail: Grace Recovery Ministries  
1915 N Liberty St.  
Independence Mo. 64056

Email for men: [contact@graceisfree.org](mailto:contact@graceisfree.org)

Phone number: 816-

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false or misleading information in this application may result in my release.

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

Please understand that due to the high volume of applications we receive, we may not be able to respond to your application. Applications are on a first come first serve basis. We pray that God will help you to see and surrender to your next step of obedience to Him.