Completing Profiles for Professionals: Housemate Finder Questions Explained

As a professional managing a user's account on Housemate Finder, your role involves completing the user's profile to help them connect with potential housemates. This guide explains the profile questions, their purpose, and tips for filling them out on behalf of the user.

Privacy Settings

For each question, you will see visibility options: Everyone, All Members, Friends, or Only Me. Some questions have a green **Change** button, allowing you to adjust who can see the responses. Remember, this is a private community, and no information is available to the public. Consider the user's preferences when deciding what information to share. Avoid including private details like phone numbers or email addresses unless the user explicitly agrees.

Required Information

These four required questions must be completed to save the profile:

1. **Name**
   - **Why it's required**: Identifies the user on the platform.
2. **Current Location**
   - **How to answer**: Start typing the user's address or city, then select the correct option from the drop-down menu.
   - **Why it's required**: Helps match the user with nearby housemates and ensures accurate filtering.
3. **Birth Date**
   - **Note**: Only the user's age will be visible to other members.
   - **Why it's required**: Age is important for matching preferences and compatibility.
4. **Desired Housing Location**
   - **How to answer**: Similar to "Current Location," type the address or city and select the correct option.
   - **Why it's required**: Ensures the user's housing needs are matched with potential housemates in their preferred area.

Optional Profile Details

1. **Primary Contact Name**
   - **Note**: This can be the user's name or your name as the account manager.
2. **Primary Contact Email**
   - Used for communication and account management.
3. **Contact Phone Number**
   - Facilitates direct communication when necessary.
4. **Gender**
   - Provides context for matching the user with compatible housemates.
5. **About Me**
   - **Note**: This section is visible to other members when they view the profile.

o **How to use**: Include details about the user's personality, lifestyle, or background.
6. **Hobbies & Interests**
   o **Note**: Visible to other members.
   o **How to use**: Highlight activities or passions that are important to the user.
7. **Community Involvement**
   o Highlight any volunteer work, clubs, or other community-related activities the user participates in.
8. **Name Two Things Needed to Create a Good Life for Yourself**
   o Share the user's values and goals with potential housemates.

Housemate Preferences

1. **Medicaid Waiver Status**
   o Indicates if the user is a Medicaid Waiver recipient, helping match them with compatible housemates.
2. **Are You a Smoker?**
   o **Why it's important**: Helps ensure compatibility based on smoking habits.
3. **Housemate Preference - Gender**
   o Specifies the user's preference for a housemate's gender.
4. **Housemate Preference - Age**
   o States the preferred age range for potential housemates.
5. **Housemate Preference - Smoking**
   o Indicates if the user prefers a smoke-free environment or is comfortable living with smokers.

Final Tips

Filtering Matches:
The Housemate Finder Directory filters potential matches using the following questions:

- Desired Housing Location
- Housemate Gender Preference
- Age (Birth Date field)
- Smoking Preference
- Medicaid Waiver Status

By thoroughly completing the user's profile, you help them find the best matches and create meaningful connections in the Housemate Finder community. Always remain mindful of what information is shared and ensure it aligns with the user's comfort and privacy preferences.