

# 8-Step Nomination Process

## *Estate 8 VIP Nomination and Membership Application Process*

1. Candidates must be nominated by a via **ONEHOPE** CEO or existing VIP of Estate 8. The nominating party will serve as a sponsor for the candidate through the process.
2. Interested candidates should fill out this [application form](#). Once completed, this form is submitted to the Membership Committee.
3. The Membership Committee will review the completed application and confirm the candidate's eligibility for the VIP program. Upon completion of this review, the Membership Committee will refer the application to **ONEHOPE's** management team, with a recommendation.  
*(To manage expectations, less than 1 in 3 applicants will make it to step 4 where an interview will take place based on historical data.)*
4. A member of **ONEHOPE's** management team will arrange an interview (in-person, telephonic or video) with each candidate where both parties can learn more about each other and **ONEHOPE** can confirm the suitability of the candidate as a VIP. If the **ONEHOPE** management team determines that the candidate is suitable for admission, it will report to the VIP Member Council and recommend admission. Otherwise, Estate 8 will notify the candidate that his or her application will not be presented to the VIP Member Council for consideration.  
*(To manage expectations, less than 1 in 4 applicants will make it to step 5 where an interview will take place based on historical data.)*
5. A member of the VIP Member Council will arrange an interview (in-person, telephonic or video) with each candidate to get to know the candidate better. If the Existing VIP Member Council determines that the candidate is suitable for admission, it will report to the Estate 8 Board of Directors and recommend admission. Otherwise, Estate 8 will notify the candidate that his or her application will not be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration.  
*(To manage expectations, less than 1 in 2 applicants will make it to step 6 based on historical data.)*
6. The Estate 8 Board of Directors has the final authority to admit a candidate for VIP membership. After evaluating and considering the feedback presented by **ONEHOPE's** management team and VIP Member Council, the Board will act to approve or not approve the applicant for VIP membership.
7. If the candidate's application moves through the preceding process and is approved by the Estate 8 Board of Directors, he or she will be notified and Estate 8 will accept the candidate's investment into its property and annual wine purchase allocation. Upon Estate 8's receipt of payment of these two components, the VIP membership will be active.  
*(Failure to make payment will nullify the new VIP's membership in which case he or she will not be able to apply for at least one year)*
8. Sponsors are notified of the acceptance or rejection of their nominee at this stage.