



Rotary International

How to Propose a New Member

Every Rotarian has the privilege and obligation of seeking qualified members. In this way all club members can help their clubs achieve a full representation of the business and professional life of the community.

The basic procedure by which an individual is proposed for and elected to membership in a Rotary club is:

- The prospective member's name is submitted to the board of directors.
- The board ensures that the proposal meets all of the classification and membership requirements and approves or disapproves of the proposal within 30 days. The proposer is notified through the club secretary. (NOTE: Until this approval is granted, prospects should not be informed that they have been proposed for membership.)
- The prospective member is informed of privileges and responsibilities of Rotary club membership, asked to complete the application card, and to give written permission to publish his or her name and proposed classification to the club membership.
- Prospect's name is communicated to the club. If no objections are received by the board within seven days following the publication of the prospect's name, that person, upon payment of an admission fee, is considered to be elected to membership and his or her name is reported to Rotary International.

Additional active membership is an effective way of sharing the benefits of Rotary membership with outstanding, service-minded business and professional leaders in your community. It can bring to your club new members with fresh enthusiasm, contribute extra support to your club's program of service, strengthen club leadership, and help lower the average age of club members.

Any active member of this club may propose for, and the club may elect to, active membership one additional person who is actively engaged in the same classification of business or profession as that of the proposer. This individual must have the qualifications required for active membership.

Another provision permits a club to elect to active membership any *former* active member of a Rotary club who has established a business, practice, or residence in the community, even though that person's classification may already be represented. Here, approval of the present holder of the classification is needed.

Also permitted, with the approval of the present holder of the classification, is the election to additional active membership of former Rotaractors who have passed the age limit for Rotaract membership, provided that they live or conduct business within the territorial limits of the Rotary club, and were members of one or more Rotaract clubs for a minimum of four years.

In addition, your club's membership efforts should benefit greatly from an important change in policy effected by the 1995 Council on Legislation. Retired persons in your community are now eligible for past service membership in your club, even if they have never previously been Rotarians, provided that they would have been eligible for membership prior to retirement.

Membership Proposal and Application



I propose:

Name _____

Business address _____ Business telephone/fax _____

Residence address _____ Residence telephone/fax _____

for (check one): active additional active past service senior active membership

If a former Rotarian, list club(s) and dates _____

If affiliated with a firm:

Name of firm _____ Position _____

Principal and recognized activity of firm _____

Principal and recognized activity of candidate, if different from that of employer or if independently engaged in a profession _____

If retired, position and employer or profession at time of retirement _____

Activities which would enhance consideration as a Rotarian _____

Date _____ Proposer's signature _____

(This section is to be completed by applicant, upon approval of proposal by board, having been informed of privileges and responsibilities of Rotary membership)

I hereby certify that I am personally and actively engaged in the business or profession or professional activity covered by the classification that has been proposed for me and that my place of business or residence is located within the territorial limits of the club or within the corporate limits of the city in which the club is located or within an immediately adjoining territory.

I understand that it will be my duty, if elected, to exemplify the Object of Rotary in all my daily contacts and activities, and to abide by the constitution and bylaws of the club. I understand that part of my membership dues will provide me an annual subscription to the official magazine or an approved and prescribed regional magazine as may be applicable. I agree to pay the admission fee of _____ and the annual dues of _____ in accordance with the bylaws of the club. I hereby give permission to the club to publish my name and proposed classification to its members.

Date

Applicant's signature

Record of action on proposal

Proposal received by secretary on: _____

Submitted to the board on: _____

Board decision: _____

Proposer notified on: _____

Rotary information session held on: _____

Signed card and remittance received (date): _____

Publication to membership on: _____

Inducted on: _____

Classification: _____