The Rotary Club of Winchester Membership Application



Thank you for your interest in joining the Rotary Club of Winchester. Our Club is comprised of community and business leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.

On a local level, the Rotary Club of Winchester focuses on helping non-profits in our community achieve their missions by providing financial assistance with capital improvements and feet on the ground support to help make those improvements happen. These projects have included new roofs, furnaces, transportation, and renovations, among others. We also help each year with the Coats for Kids initiative, Eagle Scout projects, Special Love, and home repair projects in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, distribute dictionaries for 3 rd graders in our community and surrounding counties, actively support the Anti-Drug Coalition, participate in Hands Against Hunger and Salvation Army bell ringing, plus many other projects.

On the national and international level, we have participated in grants for dental and vision clinics in Jamaica, and we continue to send groups of volunteers to those clinics twice a year. We have also supported the worldwide push to eradicate polio, disaster relief for places here and abroad like Louisiana, West Virginia, Haiti, and Australia. We also engage in international youth exchange and vocational programs to foster peace and understanding, broadening our vision, and making new friends along the way. All of this takes the time and talents of committed members exemplifying Rotary's motto,

"Service Above Self"

Our members commit to:

- Attend two or more meetings each month. You can make up a missed meeting at another Club anywhere in the world or in your own backyard. There are over 1.2 million Rotary clubs worldwide to choose from! There are even opportunities to make up by attending meetings online and through online activities. Attendance at service projects, committee meetings and board meetings also count as a makeup, so there is flexibility in attending at least two meetings monthly.
- **Participate.** Each club member is expected to help with annual fundraisers, to serve on at least one committee, and to regularly participate in local service -projects.
- Follow the Rotary's code of ethics. The Four Way Test of the things we think, say, or do:
 - First...ls it the truth?
 - Second...ls it fair to all concerned?
 - Third...Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
 - Fourth...Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

• Provide financial support. Dues for our club are \$223 per quarter which includes lunches at the Country Club. Alternately, as an eMember (attending some meetings via Zoom), dues are \$88 per quarter but does not include lunches. Corporate and Associate member categories are also available and can be explained in further detail if interested. These dues are paid to support the operations of Rotary International and our local Rotary District 7570. Rotarians are encouraged to support the Rotary Foundation (called Sustainers) by giving \$100 or more per year. This can be paid in quarterly increments of \$25 along with your dues and is entirely voluntary.

The benefits of joining Rotary:

- ✓ The Rotary Club of Winchester provides leadership in our community. We have a long history of the top business, professional and civic leaders being a part of our Club. When something needs to be done, Rotarians make it happen.
- ✓ The Rotary Club of Winchester provides numerous opportunities to participate in humanitarian causes around the world eradicating polio, providing life-changing dental and vision services, wheelchairs, schoolbooks, disaster relief and so much more.
- ✓ The Rotary Club of Winchester provides opportunities for personal growth, citizenship, and fellowship. Participating in our weekly lunches, socials and service projects builds new civic connections, lasting friendships, and a stronger sense of community.
- ✓ The Rotary Club of Winchester is the ultimate network. Rotary meetings provide regular face-to-face contact with a wide variety of community leaders.

The Application process:

- Complete this application.
- ✓ Sign that you understand both the time and financial commitments required of Members.
- ✓ Give this application to your sponsors to fill out their section and sign. It is their responsibility to forward your application to the Membership Committee.

The approval process will take 3-6 weeks after the application has been received. It is reviewed by the Membership Committee before being sent to the Board of Directors for consideration. If approved, you will have an introduction meeting after which your name will be published to the entire club for review. If no objections arise, your installation as a member will happen shortly afterwards.

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Membership Application

Prospective members are asked to complete the following information. When completed, please give to the sponsors listed for their signature. It is their responsibility to turn it into the Membership Committee.

Name:
Home Address:
Home Phone: Cell #:
Preferred E-mail:
Sponsor 1:
Sponsor 2:
Business Name:
Business Address:
Business Phone:
Position/Job Title or Position and Employer/Profession at time of retirement:
Principle Activity of Candidate in this Position:
If a former Rotarian, list club(s), dates:
Bio/Description (personal & professional background):
Hobbies & Interests:

Rotary as an international organization focuses its service efforts in the following areas: Promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies, and protecting the environment. In our local Club, this translates to raising money to help local nonprofits keep women and children healthy and safe; providing shelter and education for marginalized members of our community; and offering medical & social services to those without the ability to access them on their own. In addition, the Rotary Club of

Winchester also routinely participates in hands-on service projects to help the elderly or disabled, provides meals to children and adults in need, and helps with a dental clinic in Jamaica, to name a few.
What areas of need would you be interested in helping with?
Do you have a personal interest or vision in a particular area of need in our community?
Community Leadership (community organizations you are involved with, and positions held):
Skills and/or Areas of Knowledge (woodworking, computers, pilot, party organizer, backhoe operator, chef, artist, etc.):
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY
☐ Regular ☐ eMember ☐ Corporate ☐ Associate
DUES & FEES:
• Initiation Fee: \$150.00
Regular/Corporate: \$223/qtr
eMember/Assocate: \$88/qtr; lunch extra
PERSONAL INFORMATION:
Preferred name/nickname:
Birthdate: / /
Name of Spouse:

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am personally and actively engaged in the business or profession, or professional activity as stated above, and that my place of business or residence is located within the territorial limits of the club or within an immediately adjoining territory.

I understand it will be my duty, if accepted, 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 agree to pay the admission fee, the annual dues, and meals fees, and to attend meetings regularly in accordance with the bylaws of the club, and to support and participate in club fundraisers and service projects. I hereby give permission to the club to publish my name to its members.

Applicant's Signature:		Date:	
Applicant's Printed Nar	me:		
Sponsor's Signature:		Date:	
Sponsor's Printed Nam	e:		
Sponsor's Signature:		Date:	
Sponsor's Printed Nam	e:		
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Record of Actions on Proposal		Date	
Proposal Received with 2 sponsor letters			
Committee Decision	☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove		
Classification	Description		
Submitted to Board	☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove		
Information Meeting			
Acceptance from Candidate Received			
Published to Membership			
Acceptance Letter to Candidate			
Inducted			