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## Explorers Club Membership Application Instructions

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Keep in mind these points for preparing a complete and acceptable application:

1. Complete everything – all sections on all seven pages of the application, plus any additional pages required for your Exploration Résumé (see point 6 below), sign and do the mailing checklist on the last page.
2. Make two copies of the entire application including any extra pages for your Exploration Résumé, as well as any other supporting documents you might wish to include.
3. Put the entire application (original and copies) into a single envelope and send to:

The Explorers Club, Membership Office, 46 East 70<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10021

4. Incomplete applications will be returned.
5. A key component of your application is your expedition and/or research/field work experience. Be sure to complete the Exploration Résumé (Pages 2 and 3, Part II) of the application and to add additional pages as necessary. For your convenience, a supplemental form is downloadable as a PDF from our website.
6. While a bibliography is requested, it is NOT necessary to send in physical copies of your publications.

### **Processing Your Application:**

Within two weeks of the receipt of your application by our Membership Office in New York, you will receive a confirmation email. The Explorers Club will then review your application to determine your eligibility. If in the judgment of the Club your exploration experience does not meet our membership requirements you will receive a letter from us in the mail. A candidate with an application that does meet our requirements will be contacted by a Club member to introduce themselves and to learn more about you. Assistance identifying the two sponsors required for membership will be spearheaded by this individual. Typically an application takes four months to process.

### **Criteria for Membership:**

The categories of membership in the Club most applicable to NESAs applicants are Member and Fellow.

The qualifications for Member are that the candidate evidences a sustained interest in some aspect of exploration and has contributed in broad terms to the cause of exploration, including furthering scientific knowledge of the world, for example, leading or accompanying appropriate expeditions.

The qualifications for Fellow go beyond the Member to include actual contributions to scientific knowledge in the field of geographical exploration or allied sciences. Such accomplishments usually are evidenced by scientific publications documenting fieldwork or explorations.

It is important to note that extensive travel without a scientific purpose or objective – big game hunting, photography or similar pursuits in remote parts of the world – is NOT sufficient qualification to become a member of The Explorers Club. On the other hand, active participation in field expeditions or research sponsored by recognized scientific organizations, universities or museums is given serious consideration, even if the results are part of an ongoing study. Members of The Explorers Club are men and women of good reputation and of excellent moral and ethical standards.

Please see “Joining the Club” on our website for more information.