THE EXPLORERS CLUB

Application for Membership

Please take a moment to review the instructions and policies before beginning your application.

Reviewers depend on the information in this form and sponsor letters to evaluate an applicant's qualifications. Relevant unsolicited materials are welcome; however, please note that they will be retained by the club.

PART I – INSTRUCTIONS AND POLICIES

When preparing your application, remember that neatness counts. If you are writing the application by hand, please be legible. If you are adding pages to supplement the Word or PDF document, please label them. When a reviewer has to wrestle with a hard-to-read application, the applicant gets less attention than deserved.

The Complete Application

Only a complete application is eligible for review. A complete application satisfies the checklist on page 10, which means that all information asked for is provided, sponsorships are provided, and all signatures or email confirmations of signatures are in evidence.

Send scanned applications (preferred) to: membership@explorers.org

Send paper applications to:

Chairman, Membership Committee
The Explorers Club
46 East 70th Street
New York, NY 10021

Qualifications and Categories for Membership

The basic categories of membership in the Club are Member, Fellow, Friend, Term, and Student. Membership category is determined by the Membership Committee, not by the Sponsor or the Applicant. Here are the guidelines that the Membership Committee follows:

A **Member** is someone who has evidenced a sustained interest in some aspect of field exploration and has contributed in broad terms to the cause of exploration, which includes furthering the scientific knowledge of the world (for example, by leading or accompanying appropriate expeditions). Members are entitled to voting privileges and may serve as sponsors for new members.

A **Fellow** goes beyond the basic requirements of Member to include actual contributions to scientific knowledge in the field of geographical exploration or allied sciences. Such accomplishments are usually evidenced by scientific publications documenting fieldwork or explorations. Fellows are entitled to voting privileges and may serve as sponsors for new members.

A **Friend of The Explorers Club** (Friend) is someone who does not possess the qualifications and experience of a Member or Fellow, but supports the goals of the Club. Friends do not have voting privileges and may not serve as sponsors for new members. Friends have the same rights and privileges as the legacy category Associate.

A **Term Member** is a full time graduate student with the qualifications and experience of a Member. Applicants for Term membership must provide proof of full time status as a graduate student or teaching instructor with the application. The maximum duration as a Term member, irrespective of age, is 5 years unless the Board grants an extension for hardship.

A **Student Member** is at least 16 and less than 30 years old and enrolled in an accredited school full time. The student provides a copy of his or her student ID with the application. Only one sponsor is required.

All applicants are expected to be men and women of good reputation and of excellent moral and ethical standards.

Extensive travel without a scientific purpose or objective, big game hunting, personal photography or similar pursuits in remote parts of the world does not represent sufficient qualification to become a Member/Fellow of the Club. On the other hand, active participation in field expeditions sponsored by recognized scientific organizations, universities or museums is given serious consideration, even if the results of the effort are part of an ongoing study.

Reclassifying to Member or Fellow

Those wishing to reclassify from Term or Full Membership to another category (such as Emeritus, Life or Fellow) should use a reclassification form available from the membership dept. (membership@explorers.org).

Those wishing to transition from Student or Friend to a Class of full membership (such as Term, Member or Fellow) should use this Application for Membership and will need two new sponsor letters.

The Role of the Membership Committee

The Membership Committee determines whether the applicant satisfies the qualifications for membership. If so, the committee determines the membership category and places the name of the applicant on the list for approval by the Board of Directors. If the applicant does not qualify for the requested level of membership, the committee notifies the Sponsor, who in turn notifies the Applicant.

Dues Rates & Fees

The Explorers Club runs on a fiscal year which runs from July 1 through June 30. New members will be responsible for:

- Initiation fee equal to the amount of the membership classification-based annual dues (US residents only)
- Annual dues payment based on membership classification, prorated for the time remaining in the fiscal year

After notification of election, the candidate has 60 days to activate membership by paying all dues and fees. If unpaid after 60 days, the invitation to membership will be revoked. For ,dues rates and fees, see Addendum 1.

Diversity

The Explorers Club is committed to reducing barriers to membership for underrepresented groups. Applicants from United Nations defined middle to lower income countries and applicants from high income countries who bring diversity to our ranks will be given the opportunity to apply for assistance with their dues after they are accepted as members of the club.

A Word about Sponsorship and Unsponsored Applications
As stated in The Explorers Club Bylaws (see page 11), sponsorship is a critical component of the application process. The Explorers Club is a community built firmly on the fellowship of our members. Someone already a member must stand up in order for you to become a member of this group.

If you wish to join the Club and are without sponsorship, you may submit an application that can be used for reference by the Club. To find sponsors you are advised to reach out to the chapter of The Explorers Club nearest you and become involved, attend events or reach out to leadership. This is the best way to begin to learn about the Club and to meet members who may be willing to sponsor you. For a full list of our chapters please visit www.explorers.org/chapters.

For more information about sponsorship, membership, fees, chapters and the Club in general please visit our website at www.explorers.org.

PART II – PERSONAL INFORMATION

Membership category is determined by the Membership Committee, not by the Sponsor or the Applicant. However, feel free to indicate the membership category that you feel is most appropriate.

☐ **Member / Fellow** ☐ **Friend*** ☐ **Student** ☐ **Term**

☐ **Are you transitioning from Student to Member/Fellow? (Two sponsors required.) Term Members reclassifying to Member/Fellow should use the reclassification form.**

Prefix or Title:	
First Name:	
Middle Name:	
Last Name:	
Suffix:	
Permanent Address Line 1:	
Address Line 2:	
Address Line 3:	
City:	
State or Province:	
Postal Code:	
Country:	
Present Occupation:	
Company or Institution:	

*** FRIEND HAS THE SAME RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS THE LEGACY CATEGORY ASSOCIATE**

PERSONAL INFORMATION continued

Home Telephone:

Work Telephone:

Mobile Telephone:

Fax:

Email Address:

***This will be your *permanent* email for official club communication. Please think carefully before using a work or academic address.**

Other Email Address:

Personal URL or Website:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Countries of Citizenship:

Gender:

Are you an Eagle Scout or Golden Girl Scout (or non US equivalent)? *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐
(If so and evidence is attached, only one sponsor is needed.)

Active Duty Military? *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Would you like your information to be included in our Veteran's Archive? *Yes* ☐ *No* ☐

Your Chapter will be Geographically Designated. Should your preference be for a particular Chapter you may enter it here and the Chapter Chair will be notified.

PART III – EXPLORATION PROFILE

For the following use the spaces provided and add pages as necessary.

A. FOR ALL APPLICANTS

1. **Why do you want to join the Club?**

2. **What are your exploration interests?**

3. **Whom do you know who is a member of the Club?**

B. FOR STUDENT AND TERM APPLICANTS

1. **What academic institution do you attend?**

2. **What is your expected graduation class?**

C. FOR MEMBER/FELLOW/TERM APPLICANTS

1. **To which scientific or cultural institutions do you belong (if any)?**

2. **List any honors, awards and special recognitions <u>related</u> <u>to</u> <u>exploration.</u>**
   (If this list does not fit within the text box, please attach additional pages.)

3. **List any presentations, lectures, and seminars that you have presented <u>related</u> <u>to</u> <u>exploration</u>.**
   (If this list does not fit within the text box, please attach additional pages.)

4. Provide a bibliography of publications – books, articles and papers that you have authored – <u>related to exploration</u> (if any). ***To be considered a Fellow, this section must be completed. Attach additional sheets as needed.***

PART IV – EXPLORATION RÉSUMÉ

REQUIRED FOR FELLOW/MEMBER/ TERM APPLICANTS (STUDENTS SEE NOTE BELOW)

Summarize your expedition and research field work experiences, both vocational and avocational. ***Add extra pages as required to present your accomplishments and contributions to exploration.*** *For each separate endeavor, include dates, objectives, sponsoring institutions, if any, your specific role, the results, and how the results were utilized and distributed.* ***If you wish to add your curriculum vitae please edit non-exploration related details.***

Student without an exploration resume should write a brief essay on "How Exploration is Relevant to Me."

PART V – SIGNATURES

Applicant:

Email Address:

Date:

Signature:* _____

Sponsor:

Email Address:

Phone:

Date:

Signature:* _____

Co-Sponsor:

Email Address:

Phone:

Date:

Signature:* _____

** Physical signatures are appreciated for the Club's archives, but not mandatory. If submitting electronically, sponsors must use their Club registered email address. Candidates must use the email address on this application for all communication with the Club.*

PART VI – APPLICATION CHECK LIST

Please mark the checklist below as relates to your role in the application process.

Have you …

All applicants

- ☐ Completed Part II
- ☐ Entered your email address in Part II on Page 4?
- ☐ Answered all required questions in Part III?
- ☐ Summarized your exploration experience in Part IV? (Member, Fellow & Term applicants)
- ☐ Included and labeled any additional pages for Part IV?
- ☐ Included your photograph? (optional)
- ☐ Included a copy of your student ID? (Term & Student applicants only)

Sponsor

- ☐ Attached your Sponsor Letter?

Co-Sponsor

- ☐ Attached your Co-Sponsor Letter?

PART VI – THE BYLAWS

According to Article IV, Section 4, of the Club bylaws:

Section 4.1. General (edit). Candidates for membership shall be proposed in writing according to the Sponsorship Rules outlined in Sections 4.2 and 4.3. The Membership Committee shall report to the Board of Directors or to the Executive Committee at the earliest convenient date its recommendations with respect to all candidates. The names of the candidates shall be posted upon the bulletin board of the Club and the confidential members section of the Club's website. Their election shall not become final until after a thirty-day posting period. Election shall be by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee after considering the report of the Membership Committee.

Section 4.2. New Member Candidates. Unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, new member candidates shall submit an application for membership to the Club and must have a sponsor and co-sponsor, members of the Club, who must each file with the application a letter covering, in as much detail as possible, the candidate's background, his or her qualifications in terms of accomplishments, and how long and how well the sponsor has known the applicant. The Membership Committee shall report on the merits of the applicant and determine the class of membership to which he or she might be eligible.

Section 4.3. Students. Student member candidates shall submit an application for membership to the Club and must have a sponsor member of the Club, who must file a letter covering the student candidate's background, his or her qualifications, accomplishments, and how long and how well the sponsor has known the applicant. The Membership Committee shall report on the merits of the applicant to the Board of Directors or to the Executive Committee. A Student Member may not propose, second, or act as sponsor for any applicant for membership in any classification.

Addendum 1

To determine the cost of your annual dues, first check the chart below to see if you would be considered a Resident, National or International member.

Geographic Designation	
Resident	Resides within 50 miles of Club headquarters in New York City.
National	Resides outside the New York area, but within the United States.
International	Resides anywhere outside the United States.

Next combine your geographic designation and the membership category for which you hope to be approved. Then find the corresponding line in the chart below.

Example: If you live in Maine and are approved as a Fellow, you would be a Fellow National. Your dues would be $455 with a one-time initiation fee of the same amount.

Membership Classification	**Abbreviation**	**Initiation**	**Dues**
Fellow Resident	FR	$725	$725
Fellow National	FN	$455	$455
Fellow International	FI	$0	$270
Life Fellow	LF	NA	20 X current rate
Member Resident	MR	$985	$985
Member National	MN	$580	$580
Member International	MI	$0	$455
Life Member	LM	NA	20 X current rate
Friend/Associate Resident	FcR/AR	$905	$1815
Friend/Associate National	FcN/AN	$620	$620
Friend/Associate International	FcI/AI	$0	$455
Student	SM	$0	$95
Term Member	TM	$0	$140

Members qualifying for dues assistance from UN Defined Middle and Lower income countries will currently have annual dues of $50 for any classification. A web page showing the UN income classifications can be found at: **https://tinyurl.com/r6pbyn9b**

Members of any Classification qualifying for diversity assistance will require no initiation fee and have assistance for up to four years of dues or until the dues are less than the assistance. Year one $50, Year two $100, Year three $200, Year four $400.

Please reach out to your sponsor or membership@explorers.org with any questions.