



# Application for Membership

## The Explorers Club



*Take a moment to review the instructions and policies at the back of this form.*

*Please provide all requested information completely and succinctly.*

*Do not send supplemental materials in the form of books, magazines, copies of articles, disks, CDs, binders, photographs, etc. Reviewers depend on the information in this form and sponsor letters to evaluate an applicant's qualifications. If unsolicited materials are sent, they will not be returned.*

*Indicate the membership category for which you are applying:*

**Member or Fellow**       **Associate**       **Student**

### PART I – CONTACT INFORMATION

**Prefix or Title:**

**\*First Name:**

**Middle Name:**

**\*Last Name:**

**Suffix:**

**Job Title:**

**Company or Institution:**

**\*Address Line 1:**

**Address Line 2:**

**Address Line 3:**

**\*City:**

**State or Province:**

**\*Postal Code:**

**\*Country:**

**\*Required**

**PART I – CONTACT INFORMATION (continued)**

**\*Home Telephone:**

**Work Telephone:**

**Mobile Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**\*Email Address:**

**Other Email Address:**

**Personal URL or Website:**

**PART II – PERSONAL PROFILE**

**\*Date of Birth:**

**Place of Birth:**

**Country of Citizenship:**

**\*Gender:**

**Present Occupation:**

**Title:**

**Company or Institution:**

**Department or Division:**

**Previous Occupation:**

**Title:**

**Company or Institution:**

**Department or Division:**

**\*Required**

**PART III – EXPLORATION PROFILE**

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

1. **Whom do you know who is a member of the Club?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. **Why do you want to join the Club?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. **To which scientific or cultural institutions do you belong?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. **What are your exploration interests?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. **List honors, awards and special recognitions related to exploration.**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. **List presentations, lectures, and seminars related to exploration.**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. **Provide a bibliography of publications – books, articles and papers – related to exploration.**

**PART IV – EXPLORATION RÉSUMÉ**

*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.*

**PART V – SIGNATURES**

**Applicant:**

**Date:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*All membership categories – All countries*

**Sponsor:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone:**

**Date:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Member & Fellow – United States Only*

**Co-Sponsor:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone:**

**Date:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PART VI – APPLICATION CHECK LIST**

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

*Have you ...*

**Applicant**

- Completed Part I and Part II, especially the **Required** fields?
- Entered your email address in Part I on Page 2?
- Answered all the questions in Part III?
- Summarized your exploration experience in Part IV?
- Included and labeled any additional pages for Part III or Part IV?
- Included your photograph? (optional)
- Included a copy of your student ID? (students only)
- Signed the application in Part V?

**Sponsor**

- Attached your Sponsor Letter?
- Signed the application in Part V?

**Co-Sponsor**

- Attached your Co-Sponsor Letter?
- Signed the application in Part V?

**Un-sponsored Applicant+**

- I understand that membership in The Explorers Club is contingent upon sponsorship. In submitting this application without sponsorship, I acknowledge that my application is incomplete and the Club is under no obligation to consider me for membership.

(See page 8, “A Word about Sponsorship and Un-sponsored Applications.”)

## **PART VII – INSTRUCTIONS AND POLICIES**

To be considered for membership in The Explorers Club, the Sponsor submits hardcopies of the application form and sponsor letters. For your convenience, the application form is available on our website – [www.explorers.org](http://www.explorers.org) – under, “Join the Club.” The form is available as a Microsoft Word document or as an Adobe PDF document, which you may download to complete at your workstation or personal computer or to print out and complete by hand. Also, you may request to have the application form mailed to you, which may then be filled out by hand. To request a pre-printed form, call the Club at 212.628.8383 or send a note by email to [membership@explorers.org](mailto:membership@explorers.org).

When preparing your application, remember that neatness counts. If you are writing the application by hand, please be legible. If you are entering information into the Word or PDF document, please honor the formatting. 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 6, which means that all information asked for is provided, sponsorship letters are attached, and all signatures are in evidence. Send the complete application to:

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

### **Qualifications and Categories for Membership**

The basic categories of membership in the Club are Member, Fellow, Associate, and Student. Membership category is determined by the Membership Committee, not by the Sponsor or the Applicant.

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).

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.

An Associate is someone who does not possess the qualifications and experience of a Member or Fellow, but supports the goals of the Club.

A Student Member is at least 16 years old and enrolled in an accredited school full time. The student provides a copy of his or her student ID with the application. Exceptions are made in age and academic affiliation for outstanding young people.

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, photography or similar pursuits in remote parts of the world does not represent sufficient qualification to become a member 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.

### **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 membership, the committee notifies the Sponsor, who in turn notifies the Applicant.

### **The Bylaws**

According to part VIII.5 of the Club bylaws, "Procedures for Proposing New Members":

"The instructions for proposal for membership should be read carefully by the sponsor and the application filled out completely by the applicant. Thereafter, the application should be signed by the applicant, sponsor, and co-sponsor. Both sponsor and co-sponsor must write letters of recommendation to accompany the application. The Membership Committee acts on the information provided in the application and letters only; it does not seek external sources. The sponsor is responsible for seeing that the application is complete and that the two letters of sponsorship are sent to the Chair of the Membership Committee via Club headquarters in New York. Incomplete applications cannot be acted upon and will not be reviewed by the Membership Committee.

"In the case of applicants residing outside the United States, only one sponsor is required. Student Membership needs only one sponsor.

"Once the complete application is received, it is reviewed by the Membership Committee which makes recommendations (including membership category and chapter assignment) to the Board of Directors for final approval. A period of up to 90 days may be required for processing a new member. Sponsors, co-sponsors and chapter chairs are notified of the decision of the Board."

### **Fees**

At the time of election, a new member is assessed the annual dues payment, which is based on the membership category. In the United States, a new member also pays an initiation fee equal to the amount of the annual dues payment. After June 30, dues for a new member are assessed at one half the full rate with the initiation fee in the United States remaining at the full rate. All dues and fees are payable up to 60 days after election. After 60 days, the name of the new member will be removed from the rolls.

### **A Word about Sponsorship and Un-sponsored Applications**

Sponsorship is a critical component of the applications 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; however, the Club is under no obligation to consider it. Upon request, we will suggest how to go about securing sponsorship.

In the meantime, as an Un-sponsored Applicant you are advised to reach out to the chapter of The Explorers Club nearest you and become involved. This is the best way to begin to learn about the Club and to meet members who may be willing to sponsor you. See our website for a chapter list.

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