

Summary of Membership Provisions for New Members

General Qualifications — Rotarians are adults of good character and good business or professional reputation, who hold or have held an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession.

Active Membership — Active members must meet the above qualifications, as well as live or work within the club's territory; within the corporate limits of the city in which the club is located; within the territory of an immediately adjoining club; or within an immediately adjoining community not in any club's territory.

Additional Active Members — With the consent of the active member who holds the classification, an *active* member may propose an additional active member. There are three categories of additional active members.

- (a) **Same Classification as Proposer** — Membership may be proposed for a person who is actively engaged in the same classification as the proposer.
- (b) **Former Rotarian** — One whose membership in a Rotary club was terminated due to no longer being engaged in the classification in that club's territory.
- (c) **Former Rotaractor** — A former Rotaractor living or working in the club's territory may be proposed to active membership if Rotaract membership was maintained for at least four years and terminated due to age or relocation outside the Rotaract club's territory.

Senior Active Membership — A former Rotarian who was senior active or eligible to be senior active when membership was terminated may be elected to this type of membership.

Past Service Membership — A retiree who would have been qualified for active membership prior to retirement may be elected to this type of membership.

Honorary Membership — People who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected to honorary membership.

Classification — Each active member of a Rotary club is classified in accordance with the member's business or profession. A classification describes the principal and recognized activity of the firm with which an active member is connected or the member's principal and recognized business or professional activity. Active membership is limited to one person per classification, except for the above provisions regarding additional active membership and those representing religious denominations, newspapers and other news media and also diplomatic representatives of different governments.

NOTE — *Holders of Public Office.* Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time are not eligible for active membership under the classification of such office, except persons elected or appointed to the judiciary or educational offices.

Statement to Be Signed by Proposed Member After Club's Board Has Approved the Proposal

I hereby certify that I am qualified for membership both by the current/former executive position and by having a place of business or residence within the club's territorial limits, adjoining territory, or the same city in which the club is located.

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 constitutional documents of Rotary International and the club. I agree to pay an 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 membership.

Date _____

Proposed Member's Signature _____

Record of Action on the Proposal

Card received by secretary on: _____

Submitted to the board on: _____

Board decision on: _____ Favorable Unfavorable

Proposer notified on: _____

Rotary information session held on: _____

Signed card and admission fee and dues received on: _____

Publication of name to membership on: _____

Inducted on: _____

Classification: _____

