



The Rotary Club of Orlando Prospective Member Application

Dear Prospective Member,

We are very pleased that you are considering membership in the Rotary Club of Orlando. The information below is intended to share a little about the privileges and commitments of Rotary membership. .

What Is Rotary?

Rotary International is a service organization with 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries. Rotary is a diverse organization, apolitical and nonsectarian, open to all faiths. A Rotary Club's membership is representative of the community it serves.

Our motto is: *Service Above Self*

The enclosed Rotary Basics brochure provides a broad overview of the benefit that Rotary provides not only internationally but also locally. The rewards of membership are measured in the benefit that you derive from participation in the Rotary Club of Orlando.

What Is the Rotary Club of Orlando?

The Rotary Club of Orlando was chartered in May, 1920 and is the oldest and largest Rotary club in the Central Florida area. When you join our club, you become part of a prestigious group of leaders in the Central Florida community. Located in the heart of Orlando, our club boasts a membership of nearly 200 active members.

Through weekly meetings and club committee involvement, you will gain the lifelong friendships that you would not acquire otherwise. It is truly a club of fellowship, community and business connections like no other.

What Are My Commitments to Rotary?

Club members assume personal and financial obligations including dues, lunches and club projects. The primary purpose of a Rotary Club is to provide service to the local community through donations of time, talent and treasure. The Rotary Club of Orlando has a local Rotary Club of Orlando Foundation that actively serves those in our own backyard. In addition, members offer support to the larger international community through the Rotary Foundation.



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Fellowship and Business Connections

Rotary membership has a certain prestige. You will meet many of the community's present and upcoming leaders. There will be opportunities to network, socialize and develop business relationships with other club members. However, expecting to network and solicit business from other members should not be the motivation for joining Rotary. Members should refrain from networking for business purposes during club meetings. When members focus on Rotary activities, business opportunities will often appear at the most unexpected times.

Attendance

Rotary International has an attendance requirement for all members. You will be expected to attend at least 50% of the weekly meetings. When you cannot attend your regular weekly meeting, you can do a make up at any Rotary club anywhere in the world. Attending meetings in other local clubs, other states or other countries has proven to be one of the highlights of being a Rotarian. When you walk into another club's meeting, you will instantly be surrounded by new friends and be welcomed warmly.

In addition, participating in a club, district or Rotary International committee meeting or club event counts as attendance credit. You can even do an online makeup at <http://rotaryclubone.org>.

Rotary Club of Orlando Meetings

The Rotary Club of Orlando's meetings are held every Thursday except holidays. Food service starts at 11:45 and is the opportunity to network and socialize. The meeting is from 12:15 until 1:15. In rare instances, you may find it necessary to "scoot" -- that is to leave a meeting early. As a courtesy to our speakers however, you are expected to remain until the adjournment of the meeting. If you must "scoot" please do so before the speaker begins. You may purchase a "Scooter" button for \$2 and you are encouraged to sit near an exit so as not to disturb the meeting.

Please complete the following application and forward to your sponsor.

Again, we are excited you are interested in becoming a Rotarian!



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General Information

Title First Name Middle Name Last Name

Nickname (Sally, Frank, Tigger, etc.) Sponsor Classification (completed by Club)

Former Rotary Club Years Active Rotary Member No. Rotary Positions Held

WORK

Business Position (Title and brief description)

Bus Address City State Zip

Bus Phone ext FAX

Cell Phone Email address you prefer to publish to the club

HOME

Home Address City State Zip

Home Phone Spouse Name No. Children

Place of Birth Date of Birth

College Yr. Graduated Degree(s)

Non Rotarian Club Activities

Government Boards, Elections, Etc.

Professional Certificates/Awards

Hobbies and other interests

Military Service

Membership Requirements – Rotary International

Rotary Club membership requirements are specified in Article 5, Section 2 of the Rotary International Constitution. "A club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation," [and]



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(Check those that apply)

- Engaged as a proprietor [business owner], partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession – OR
 - Holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority – OR
 - Having retired from any position listed [above] – OR
 - Being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary – OR
 - Having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board
- and**
- Having his or her place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area.

If your position title is not self explanatory, please provide a brief description of your professional responsibilities or community involvement.

Additional Considerations

My signature below indicates I understand:

- Attendance at weekly meetings is a requirement of Rotary membership. Additionally I understand that I am expected to participate and support club activities throughout the year.
- I anticipate the expenses listed below and understand they are part of my Rotary obligation.
- My application will be reviewed by the Membership Committee and Classification Committee and assigned an appropriate classification designation.
- The membership process will take approximately 4-6 weeks to complete.
- By applying for membership in the Rotary Club of Orlando, my name will be circulated among various committees as well as the membership at large with respect to my application for such membership. I have no objection to my name being circulated, recognizing that my application may be rejected for whatever reason deemed appropriate by the organization.

Rotary Club of Orlando Fees

One Time Fees		Recurring Expenses	
Initiation Fee	\$150.00	Annual Dues	\$325.00 (\$350 if paid semi-annually)
		Rotary Foundation	\$100.00 Suggested
		Lunches	\$15.00 May be purchased in advance
		Deserts/Coffee Only	\$6.00

Signature

Date



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Print your name

(To be completed by Sponsor)

Sponsor's name: _____

Co-sponsor (if applicable): _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please make a brief statement concerning the applicant's character:

Please make a brief statement concerning the applicant's business and personal reputation:

I have discussed the prospective member informational letter that is attached to the Application for Membership with the applicant. (Note: the Board of Directors will not approve this application until this has been done.)

Sponsor signature _____

For staff use: Picture taken _____ Induction date _____