



**ETHIOPIAN HERITAGE
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Membership Guidelines: EHSNA has - (2) Forms of Membership Criteria

Membership within EHSNA: Is for prospective members who are interested in getting connected to the Ethiopian Community through Service.

The Society seeks individuals who have the interest, skills, and dedication to help in the preservation of our cultural traditions with the aim of building a Cultural Center dedicated to providing insight into the rich cultural heritage of Ethiopia that will be able to sponsor special events in the arts & humanities, disseminate knowledge and information for the advancement of Ethiopiawinet and supporting the young adults through Scholarship, while developing individual leadership skills, assuming leadership, mentoring and helping the next generation in building leadership to preserve our heritage.

I. Regular Voting Members

- 1- Regular Membership is by invitation and any Ethiopian or a friend of Ethiopia who is actively involved and in good standing within his or her community, maybe sponsored to be a member of the society, and/ or recommended by Institutions within in the Ethiopian Community in North America.
- 2- A sponsor may submit in writing the name of a candidate and how he could benefit EHSNA - to the Membership Admission Committee. With approval from the committee, the candidate maybe inducted and invited to fill EHSNA membership application form.
- 3- Once application and a one -time initiation fee of (\$25.00) is accepted by the Membership Admission Committee. The application will be referred to the head of the Membership Committee.
- 4- Once inducted into the society all members will sign and accept a Copy of the Bylaws and The Code of Conduct of the Society.
- 5- Members are required to help meet the financial needs of the Society through **Annual Membership Dues**, and are expected to **contribute voluntarily** to the organization to help offset certain activities and/or to help planned projects succeed.
- 6- Members must be willing to contribute his or her expertise, knowledge, skill and experience when needed and members are expected to participate in their committee meetings – monthly, quarterly or Bi-annually.



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- 7- Members are also expected to attend or make every effort to attend the Annual Meeting of the Organization in order to - elect the Executive Officer of the Organization, plan the next years' strategies, and build relationships within the Society.
 - 8- The Board of Directors or an amendment by the General Assembly presented in writing to the Board of Directors can change the membership criteria in accordance with the by-laws and other rules of the society.
 - 9- Corporations or other organizations also can apply for membership and their application will be determined based on similar admission criteria. Corporations can designate two delegates to represent them but would have one voting right in the Society.

II. Associate Member/ None-Voting Members

Associate membership is open to any Ethiopian or friend of Ethiopia who supports the mission and vision of EHSNA and is willing to help the organization on a limited basis, both in financially term and commitment - may have the interest to volunteer in a limited way when he/she has the time or interest - yet would like to stay informed without making a full commitment as a Regular Member.

III. Benefit of Membership:

- a. Festival pass (fully paid member).
- b. 25% Discount on all other EHSNA events.
- c. Networking with other professionals.
- d. Developing leadership skills.
- e. Celebrating Ethiopian heritage and passing the torch to the next generation while introducing our rich culture.
- f. Empowering self, family and friends in maintaining the Ethiopiawinet consciousness.
- g. Service to community, building life time friendships.