

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

Spiritualists' National Union

- MISSION STATEMENT -

To Promote the Religion and Religious Philosophy of Spiritualism as based upon the Seven Principles

Individual Membership (Formerly know as Class B Membership)

Benefits of Individual Membership

Membership of the Union entitles you, amongst other things, to receive all Union circulations, containing useful material and newsletters, and have access to a wide range of advice, information and assistance on Spiritualist matters.

Members can generally enjoy the advantages offered by a practical brotherhood of persons devoted to a common object.

Membership entitles you to participate in the affairs of the Union at local and national level, including the right to attend meetings and vote in elections, and also have the benefit of association and friendly meeting with other members in the same area by belonging to one of the fourteen district councils into which the Union is divided; district councils hold regular meetings of members throughout the year, at which items of interest and important business are discussed.

One important facility which the Union offers to members is the provision of an educational scheme which provides courses in the various aspects of the movement and conducts examinations for those who wish to undertake them.

These courses are undertaken either by study groups or by correspondence: the cost of such courses is very reasonable, you can go at your own pace and you can choose, if you like, to utilise any examination passes obtained to make application for one of the many SNU awards which are open to members of the Union.

Requirements for Provisional Individual Membership

UK Applicants - The completed form should be returned to the Union's Head Office with the initial membership subscription - currently £25 per annum, plus an initial £15.00 joining fee.

Non-UK Applicants - The completed form should be returned to the Union's Head Office with the initial membership subscription - currently £25 per annum, plus an initial £20 joining fee.

The requirements for Provisional Membership are that one agrees to accept the religion of SNU Spiritualism, based on the Union's Seven Principles, and to be bound by, and uphold, the Union's constitution and be loyal to it and the Union at all times.

Requirements for Full Individual Membership

UK Applicants - After a minimum of 12 months but no longer than 24 months, an application for Full membership may be completed which requires:

- a.) Sponsorship by two existing SNU members, and one of the sponsors must have been a member for at least three years and live in the district council area of the applicant.
- b.) Completion of an 'Introductory Course in Spiritualism'* held in a Church or arranged by the District Council, details of which can be obtained from your local District Council Secretary
(*There is exemption from this course if the SNU Education Courses B1 or SD1 have been completed.)

Non-UK Applicants - After a minimum of 12 months but no longer than 24 months, an application for Full membership may be completed which requires:

- a.) Sponsorship by two people who are of standing in the community, e.g. a doctor or a policeman etc.
- b.) Completion of an 'Introductory Course in Spiritualism'* details of which can be obtained from the Union's Head Office.
(*There is exemption from this course if the SNU Education Courses B1 or SD1 have been completed.)

Procedure

The procedure is that the application form is completed and returned by the applicant with the appropriate remittance to the Union's Head Office: if it is received in correct form, i.e. the correct amount of subscription and joining fee enclosed, the applicant will be accepted immediately into provisional Individual Membership for a period of a minimum of twelve months up to a maximum of 24 months and be issued with a provisional Individual Member's credential card.

The application will be forwarded to the secretary of the district council to which the applicant has been allocated. During the following 12 to 24 months the applicant will be responsible for obtaining two sponsors and completing the 'Introductory Course in Spiritualism' and upon completion will contact the Individual Members Representative of their District Council. The District Council will make its recommendation and if favourable, it will then go forward to the Union's governing body for consideration. If approved, the applicant, upon payment of the appropriate further subscription, will be accepted into full Individual Membership following the minimum period of 12 months provisional membership and will receive the appropriate credential card.

Application forms for Individual Membership can be downloaded from our website (www.snu.org.uk) or obtained from:

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