

THE CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT

(NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES)

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP



2011

Note: Included in this application are the Candidate Application Process and the Application for New Membership form. The Application Form should be completed after a candidate has finished the required instruction offered by the Ministerial Council on the philosophy, science and religion of Modern Spiritualism.

If you are considering membership in CSE, please review the candidate application process. Discuss membership requirements with the Pastor (Rev. B. Anne Gehman), Assistant Pastor (Rev. Patricia A. Stranahan), any CSE Board Member or Membership Activity Chairs, Karen Clark-Stone and Carol Caesar. Learn about available orientation classes taught by Rev. Gehman, Rev. Stranahan, or MPI Students.



CSE MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDATE APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1.** Candidate makes inquiry regarding CSE membership.
- 2.** A Candidate Sponsor is designated. The Sponsor serves as an advisor to the Candidate, answering questions, and referring the Candidate to appropriate Board Members and the Ministerial Council for further information.
- 3.** Candidate discusses membership orientation requirements with the Pastor or Assistant Pastor and participates in recommended classes (Member Orientation Classes held at the Church, evening CSE classes, or other available equivalent instruction).
- 4.** Upon conclusion of class requirements, candidate completes the Application for New Membership Form (Form attached), writes a check appropriate for the time of year in which the application is filed (payable to The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment), and gives the application and check to the Pastor, Assistant Pastor, any Board Member, or the Membership Chair.
- 5.** The application form is forwarded to the CSE Board for review and action.
- 6.** Upon approval of application, Membership sends a letter of Welcome on behalf of the Membership and the Board, and ensures that a copy of the application and the check are mailed or given to the Board Treasurer. The Membership Card is included as an attachment to the letter.
- 7.** The Ministerial Council schedules the Right Hand of Fellowship Ceremony, notifying the Candidate, the Board and the Candidate Sponsor of date and time. The Ceremony is conducted as a formal induction to Center for Spiritual Enlightenment membership.

CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT (NSAC)



NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

New members are always welcome. Any person who is contemplating joining the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment must complete the following steps:

- ☼ Attend required orientation classes or equivalent classes. Discuss with the Pastor or Assistant Pastor the options for those classes.
- ☼ Complete the preliminary steps 1-5 outlined in the [Candidate Application Process](#).
- ☼ When above step is completed, submit the Application for New Membership Form with a check for the appropriate amount (see Membership Fees below)*, payable to the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment. Give the Form to the Pastor, Rev. Anne Gehman, Assistant Pastor, Rev. Patricia Stranahan, or any Board Member. Alternative: Mail Form and check to CSE Membership. (address below).

*If financial circumstances make this a hardship for you, please indicate here by checking the box .

Upon receipt of the Application Form, the Board of Directors will review your Application at their next scheduled Board meeting and vote on your admission to the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment membership. You will be notified shortly thereafter.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail _____ FAX _____

Have you ever been a member of an NSAC Church? Yes No

If Yes, what is the name and location of the most recent NSAC Church _____

_____ Membership Dates _____

Reason for leaving _____

If applicant is from another NSAC Spiritualist church, a completed NSAC Transfer Form is necessary.

Membership Fees (Membership is for one calendar year)

\$40.00 New Member Fee

\$40.00 Members who join prior to 30 June

\$25.00 Members who join after 30 June

After the first year, membership renewal is \$40.00 annually. Renewals are not prorated.

If you wish to provide further information, include it on the Optional page of this form.

CSE Sunflower Times. Please check whether you would like to receive The Sunflower Times by postal mail or e-mail. Postal Mail E-Mail

You may mail your completed Membership Application Form and check (payable to CSE) to CSE, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 6535, Falls Church, VA 22040-6535

