



Membership Application

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PLEASE PRINT

Club Name: _____ Club Region: _____

Joined (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Regular Membership: (Please check one) ___ New ___ Reinstated ___ Transfer from another club: _____

___ **Young Professional** MM/YY of 30th Birthday _____ ___ **College Student Membership** ___ **At-Large** (Not affiliated with a club)

___ **Household** (One person per household.) Regular Member's Name _____

Please see other side for membership type definitions.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print)

Preferred Name: _____ Prefix: _____ First Name _____

Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

Preferred Email: _____ Birth Year*: _____

* **Note:** Birth Year information is OPTIONAL. It is only being gathered for aggregate IATC statistical data and will not be individually published or shared.

Member Areas of Interest:

Special Honors/Publications/Awards:

Additional Information:

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION (Note: A formal college degree is not a requirement.)

Member Profession: _____ Degree/Designation: _____

Current Position: _____ College(s) University: (Please list below)

Business Name: _____

City: _____ State _____

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CLUB'S BYLAWS AND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TORCH CLUBS, INC.

Applicant's Signature: _____ (Type in name) _____ **Date:** _____

Sponsored By: _____ Signature of Club Officer Approval: _____

Applicant: Application must first be submitted to local Torch Club for approval. The club secretary will forward this completed membership application to the *International Association of Torch Clubs* 2917 Duchess Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008.

Or email to the IATC Executive Secretary at jamescoppinger(at)att(dot)net .

Last Name

Member Eligibility and Member Types

Regular Memberships are granted to professional persons who meet the following qualifications:

- (a) Who are members in good standing (either retired or active) in any of the commonly recognized professions pursued by a person in a recognized professional manner.
- (b) Who, in the judgment of the local club, satisfies the following Torch criteria of a truly professional person:
 1. Has a recognized professional degree from an accredited school, or are professionally recognized to have an acceptable equivalent in training and experience.
 2. Has pursued work that requires a mastery of some area of knowledge and skills, the exercise of judgment, and assumption of individual responsibility, as opposed to the carrying out of essentially routine procedures.
 3. Has maintained standards of competence and integrity in professional practice.
- (c) Who are interested in Torch activities and able and willing to contribute to club programs, and who are known to be intellectually alert, socially companionable, and financially responsible.

Young Professional Membership—to the age of thirty years. These members will enjoy the full benefits of membership until the age limit for such membership is reached, whereupon their membership may be converted to Regular membership. International dues for Young Professional membership shall be one half the dues established for Regular membership.

At-Large Membership—Individuals not affiliated with an established Torch Club may be enrolled by the Association and subject to the same general standards of eligibility as those applicable to members of any Torch club. Persons accepted as Individual Members shall pay regular dues. Individual Members shall be entitled to participate in all regular activities of the Association, receive the Torch Magazine, and such additional activities or programs authorized by the Board for this purpose. However, they shall have no vote at conventions and may not serve as an officer or director of the Association.

Student Membership—*Professional in Training (Student) Membership*—Such members will enjoy the full benefits of membership, are encouraged to attend regular club meetings and International Conventions, participate in discussions and present papers to the club, as appropriate. It is anticipated the full cost of membership will be paid by the student, sponsored by the student's college, a local club or other sponsoring organization or individual.

Household Membership— for households with more than one Torch Club membership. The first member pays regular membership dues and the second member pays fifty percent of regular membership dues. These members will enjoy the full benefits of membership.

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