



# Ethical Society of St. Louis – Membership Application

*Being in agreement with the principles of the Ethical Society, and intending to aid in its support, I/we hereby apply for membership.*

|   |          |                                     |
|---|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Name/s (Please print)   |          |                                     |
| (as you would like your name/s to appear in the <i>Membership Directory</i> ) |          |                                     |
| Address   |          |                                     |
| City  | State    | Zip                                 |
| Home Phone  | Home Fax | Marital Status: S M W D P(partners) |

(circle one)

List children you would like included in the *Membership Directory*:

| Name | Birth Date |
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| Name | Birth Date |
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Name of Spouse/Partner (if they are not applying) \_\_\_\_\_

|   | Primary | Spouse/Partner |
|---|---------|----------------|
| First name you like to be called            |         |                |
| E-mail address                              |         |                |
| Work phone                                  |         |                |
| Cell phone                                  |         |                |
| Alternate Fax                               |         |                |
| Date of birth (we'll keep the year private) |         |                |
| Education (area of study)                   |         |                |
| Occupation                                  |         |                |
| Passion(s)                                  |         |                |
| Why would you like to join?                 |         |                |
| How did you hear about the Ethical Society? |         |                |
| Past religious affiliation                  |         |                |
| <b>Signature</b>                            |         |                |



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|------|--|--|
| Date |  |  |
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Our printed *Membership Directory* is made available to all Society members. It is also available in PDF format on the password-protected “Members Only” area of our website. It is never sold or made available to non-members or other organizations. Unless you request otherwise, you/your family will be included. It contains the following information:

- Names and birthday (month and day only)
- Home address and phone
- Business phone, Cell phone, Fax
- E-mail address
- Children’s names, birthdays and ages

Any e-mail addresses you have listed above will be added to our e-mail list to receive announcements from the office. Normally, this is one e-mail per week, announcing when the electronic version of the *Weekly* newsletter is available.

Would you like to receive a printed copy of the *Weekly* newsletter in addition to the e-mail version?

Yes

No

**In case of an emergency, notify:**

|                                     |            |     |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----|
| Name                                |            |     |
| Relationship                        |            |     |
| Phone                               | Cell Phone |     |
| Address                             |            |     |
| City                                | State      | Zip |
| Comments or additional information: |            |     |

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| Signed by | Date |
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ETHICAL SOCIETY  
OF ST. LOUIS

# New Member Pledge Commitment

Pledging is an essential activity for all members so that our Society can continue to flourish. In order to support the Society's programs and growth, members are expected to pledge a portion of their annual income. Giving guidelines are based on a sliding scale. Understandably, personal situations vary. If your circumstances allow you to offer generosity beyond the level listed for your income, the Society is helped considerably.

## ANNUAL GIVING GUIDELINES:

| Income              | Suggested Minimum Pledge | Percent | Per mo.  |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| \$20,000 – \$75,000 |                          | 2.00%   |          |
| \$75,000            | \$1,500                  | 2.00%   | \$125.00 |
| \$80,000            | \$1,650                  | 2.06%   | \$137.50 |
| \$85,000            | \$1,850                  | 2.18%   | \$154.16 |
| \$90,000            | \$2,000                  | 2.22%   | \$166.66 |
| \$95,000            | \$2,150                  | 2.26%   | \$179.16 |
| \$100,000           | \$2,350                  | 2.35%   | \$195.83 |
| \$110,000           | \$2,750                  | 2.50%   | \$229.16 |
| \$120,000           | \$3,150                  | 2.63%   | \$262.50 |
| \$130,000           | \$3,600                  | 2.77%   | \$300.00 |
| \$140,000           | \$4,050                  | 2.89%   | \$337.50 |

| Income    | Suggested Minimum Pledge | Percent | Per mo.  |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| \$150,000 | \$4,550                  | 3.03%   | \$379.16 |
| \$160,000 | \$5,050                  | 3.16%   | \$420.83 |
| \$170,000 | \$5,600                  | 3.29%   | \$466.66 |
| \$180,000 | \$6,150                  | 3.42%   | \$512.50 |
| \$190,000 | \$6,750                  | 3.55%   | \$562.50 |
| \$200,000 | \$7,400                  | 3.70%   | \$616.66 |
| \$210,000 | \$8,050                  | 3.83%   | \$670.83 |
| \$220,000 | \$8,750                  | 3.98%   | \$729.16 |
| \$230,000 | \$9,450                  | 4.11%   | \$787.50 |
| \$240,000 | \$10,200                 | 4.25%   | \$850.00 |
| \$250,000 | \$10,950                 | 4.38%   | \$912.50 |

To maintain membership, members who cannot currently commit to the giving guidelines are asked to contribute a minimum amount of \$250 and \$360 per couple.

All initial pledges for less than a full fiscal year should be pro-rated based on the above guidelines.

If a Society member cannot meet the suggested minimum pledge amount, the member may request a one year waiver by contacting the Leader, Kate Lovelady at (314) 991-0955 ext. 210.

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| Name(s) |  |
|---------|--|

My/our annual pledge for the 2010-2011 fiscal year (June 1, 2010 – May 30, 2011) is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid:

- in one annual payment – enclosed.
- in one annual payment to be paid by \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
- in quarterly payments
- in monthly payments
- other form of payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call the office (314-991-0955) for information on making stock contributions, creating a charitable gift annuity, or donating real estate holdings and life insurance.

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Signature(s) |  |
| Date         |  |

Your donation is tax deductible.

*We elicit the best in ourselves by seeking the best in others.*

# The Eight Most Commonly Asked Questions About Pledging

## **Why give money to the Ethical Society?**

Only by investing our money will Ethical Culture philosophy and the Ethical Society succeed. It's our community and purpose; we have to support it.

## **Can I contribute time and talent instead of money?**

Participation is the heart of our community. As such, we urge every member to contribute time and talent. But your financial commitment is an essential investment in maintaining our building, paying our staff, and supporting our many programs.

## **Why not get more members so we can each pledge less?**

The Society is always seeking and welcoming more members into our community. However, pledges must be ample enough to sustain the current membership, staff, facilities, and costs of programs. At some point, a swell of new members may help decrease the total burden of expenses but the good fortune of membership growth may also increase the need for programs, services, and staff. It's a tough balancing act!

## **Why not a membership fee for everyone?**

Graduated giving guidelines more fairly share the cost of community membership. A flat fee is unfair to members making less money and a burden in years when a member might be struggling with unusual financial circumstances.

## **Is voluntary pledging unfair to members who give a lot?**

It is hoped that we each take our inspiration from those who give generously. However, it is unethical and unfair to chronically rely on other members to bear the burden of our financial needs. Our fellowship strives to live ethically. Each member must determine the fairness of his or her own pledge.

## **What about members who are less active? Do they pay less?**

We ask that all members pledge according to the giving guidelines. Over the course of membership, a person's participation may ebb and flow based on their interests, their health, their availability, and the programs offered at the Ethical Society. For a variety of reasons, some people who value the Society make *larger* pledges even though they are less active. The Ethical Society may become more personally meaningful at occasions like weddings, baby namings, memorial ceremonies, and during times of personal transition. Some support the Ethical Society because we take public stands on important social issues. But all members are asked to fully support the ongoing financial needs of the Society regardless of their level of participation.

## **Do all members have to pledge?**

Yes. Based on the giving guidelines, each member must choose a fair share pledge that is generous enough and affordable enough to meet their own standard for meaningful support of our fellowship. Those who are experiencing difficult financial circumstances may pledge below the minimum by completing a Waiver Request in place of a standard pledge form.

## **When do I have to pledge and when do I have to pay?**

Each year, in February or March, you pledge the amount that you plan to give to the Society during the upcoming fiscal year which runs May through April. Then you may contribute that amount in one lump sum, or spread it out over the year in quarterly, monthly, or weekly installments. Simply send a check to the Society, marked "Pledge", or drop cash (**in an envelope with your name**) or check in the collection basket on Sunday. The office will send you statements for tax purposes.

**NOTE:** *The pledge process is essential for preparation of the budget which is presented to the membership each April.*



# Ethical Society of St. Louis Volunteer Interest/Participation Survey

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| Name | Date |
|------|------|

The Ethical Society welcomes the contributions of its members! Check areas below that interest you or that you would like to learn more about. This does not obligate you in any way. Often, involvement can be tailored to your needs. **Please complete two forms if you are submitting a joint membership application.**

**Committees which administer the affairs and coordinate the activities of the Society**

- Administration (Board, Program Council, Bldg & Grounds, Personnel, Advisory)
- Stewardship (Finance, Fund Management, Fundraising)
- Planning special events (Fall Gathering, Good Cheer, Fun(d)Raisers, Yard Sale, Festivals, Trivia Night)
- Planning Sunday programs (Colloquy, 9:45 Forum, Platform, Music)
- Planning adult education programs (Adult Education)
- Planning children/youth education programs (Ethical Education)
- Social action (Ethical Action)
- Visitor/new member programs (Membership, Visitor's Open House)
- Member support (Committee of Concern)
- Art/décor/landscaping (Aesthetics, Art)
- Website/technology (eSociety)
- People projects (Oral History, Humanist of the Year)

**Groups which meet regularly for social/intellectual interaction**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Eatin' (vegetarian & vegan group) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Talk           | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Ethicals (20-40 year olds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Music Group                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy Discussion |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Events Salon                | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Forum                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Singles Group         | <input type="checkbox"/>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethical Society Band                |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Women's Assn  |   |

Idea for a new group you'd like to start or be a part of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Help on Sundays**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookstand sales            | <input type="checkbox"/> Platform welcome               | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Sunday Lunch         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday morning receptionist    | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's Open House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School teacher          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical performance/Chorus | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School special projects |   |

**Help with special events/projects**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Work at yard sale/book sale     | <input type="checkbox"/> Receptions after memorial services | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with newsletter mailings (collate, label) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work at gatherings/celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy tapes of platform addresses   |   |

**Members helping other members in need**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy/muscle to help someone move, do yard work, etc.              | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit a shut-in or an ill member for a day or two   |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation for shopping, to an event, etc.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Care for a child for a day or two   |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cook an occasional meal for a shut-in or in an emergency            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutor/Mentor  |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do housework occasionally for a shut-in or in an emergency          | <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Subject</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Level</td> </tr> </table> | Subject | Level |
| Subject  | Level  |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offer advice on a one-time basis. Indicate area of expertise: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Counsel on money management   |         |       |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Be part of a car pool   |         |       |

**Social action issues in which you are interested/would like to get involved:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Literacy          | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Food pantry            | <input type="checkbox"/> Population            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal rights           | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic development                | <input type="checkbox"/> Gambling               | <input type="checkbox"/> Racism                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign finance reform | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Gay/lesbian rights     | <input type="checkbox"/> Universal health care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital punishment      | <input type="checkbox"/> End of life choices                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gun control            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child abuse/neglect     | <input type="checkbox"/> English as 2 <sup>nd</sup> language | <input type="checkbox"/> Highway beautification |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime prevention        | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental issues                | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing justice        |  |

**Teaching/Moderating Programs:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> For adults | <input type="checkbox"/> For children/youth |
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**Areas of Expertise You Could Teach/Moderate:**

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|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerobics instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign language | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tai Chi      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior design  | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior citizen activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball          | <input type="checkbox"/> Journaling       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign language             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking             | <input type="checkbox"/> Meditation       | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer                    |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CPR/first aid       | <input type="checkbox"/> Music            | <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling              |                                       |



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List skills/areas of expertise you would be willing to consider sharing if a need arises:

**General:**

- Accounting
- Advertising
- Budgeting
- Career counseling
- Child care
- Cleanup
- Clerical
- Cooking
- Counseling
- Data entry
- Decorating/interior design
- Event planning
- Facilitation
- Human resources
- Interviewing
- Journalism
- Law enforcement
- Lawyer
- Library management
- Lobbying
- Nurse
- Physician
- Public policy
- Public relations
- Social work
- Writing

**Technology:**

- Camera operator
- Computer maintenance
- Computer programming
- Database / SQL
- Network administration
- Technical support
- Web design/maintenance

**Facility/Maintenance:**

- Air conditioning
- Architect
- Carpentry
- Cleaning
- Concrete
- Construction
- Drywall
- Electrical
- Engineer
- General contractor
- Heating
- Landscaping/gardening
- Mechanic
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Roofing
- Small engines

**Art/Musical/Theatrical:**

- Art
- Calligraphy
- Crafts
- Dance
- Desktop Publishing
- Drama
- Floral design
- Graphic design
- Music-instrument: \_\_\_\_\_
- Music-voice part: \_\_\_\_\_
- Photography
- Puppets
- Script writing
- Set design/construction
- Sewing
- Sound/mixing
- Stagehand
- Video production

**Desired participation level:**

- Less than 1 hour per week
- 1-2 hours per week
- 3-5 hours per week
- 1 day per week
- More than 1 day per week
- A block of time surrounding an event/program, but not on a weekly basis
- My schedule is too unpredictable to know.

**Availability:**

**Best day(s) of the week:**

- Any day
- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday

**Best time of day:**

- Anytime
- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening

**Best time of year:**

- Anytime
- Summer
- Fall
- Winter
- Spring

I prefer to be contacted by:

|                          |               |  |
|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Email:        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Home phone:   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Work phone:   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular mail: |  |