



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
**Midwest Association of Shia Organized
Muslims**

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MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Single: \$125

Family: \$250

The following are guidelines for submitting your membership:

- Members shall be of at least 18 years of age.
- All members shall accept the by-laws and constitution of MASOM by signing the oath of membership and abiding by it in an honorable manner.
- Article VI, Provision 17 of the Bylaws states that the Executive Committee “shall screen all membership applications.” All individuals submitting membership applications understand and consent to the fact that the Executive Committee has sole discretion in approving or rejecting membership applications.
- Members shall be in good standing in regards to abiding to the rules and regulations put forth by the MASOM by-laws/constitution and the Executive Committee of MASOM.
- Membership will only be accepted from individuals and families that are US citizens or legal permanent residents of the US (proper verification may be required at the time of the application).
- A prescribed MEMBERSHIP FORM is REQUIRED to be filled out completely (incomplete forms will not be accepted).
- Membership Forms must be filled out in BLOCK LETTERS only (if the hand-writing is not legible, we would ask the form to be re-submitted).
- A copy of State ID is required (new applicants only) for verification purposes.
- Renewal applications must be submitted between January 1, 2018 and January 31, 2018.
- Renewal applications received after January 31, 2018 must be accompanied by a letter of appeal explaining the reason for the late submittal, as per Article IV(1) below:
 - All annual dues shall be payable on or before January 31st of each year. Non-payment of dues will result in cancellation of membership and withdrawal of membership privileges. A member in good standing who fails to pay due to unavoidable circumstances may appeal his/her case in writing to the Executive Committee within (90) days from the expiration date of his/her membership for continuation of privileges. Decision of the Executive Committee shall be final in this matter.
- In accordance with the General Body Meeting held on March 19, 2011 and with Motion #2 presented and approved by the General Body that day, the Executive Committee of MASOM, at their discretion, has the right to deny membership to those individuals from outside institutions trying to affect key issues and hinder daily progress at MASOM.
- All new membership applications along with membership dues shall be submitted to the Secretary of MASOM (in-person only).
- All 2017 approved members in good-standing have the option of submitting their membership applications either to the Secretary in person or to through mail directly to the Secretary at MASOM's PO Box.
- All membership applications will be reviewed by the MASOM Executive Committee and appropriate action will be taken as per MASOM by-laws.
- Married individuals will not be allowed to apply for single membership.
- Article V, Provision 2 of the Bylaws state that “Each and all member(s) present or past, agree not to seek legal action or bring lawsuit against action(s) of the General Body and its member on matter concerning MASOM, and in-lieu release and hold harmless to General Body any claims on matters present.” All individuals submitting membership applications consent to the foregoing language and agree not to support any litigation against members of MASOM for matters related to MASOM. All applicants also consent to the Executive Committee's decisions, past or present, in promoting this provision of the Bylaws.
- Article VI, Provision 19 states that “The Executive Committee shall take necessary action to preserve public decency and prevent offenses against public order in the mosque, imambara and the surrounding compound of MASOM.” All membership applicants consent to the foregoing language and consent to the Executive Committee's decisions, past or present, in promoting this objective.