



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

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MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Following are the guidelines for submitting your membership:

- Applicants shall be of at least 18 years of age.
- ALL applicants and members shall accept the by-laws and constitution of MASOM by signing the oath of membership and abiding by it in an honorable manner.
- ALL applicants and voting members (18 years & above) shall accept and sign the Release of Liability Agreement and abide by it in an honorable manner.
- Article IV provision 2 states that "all members shall pay annual membership dues as decided by the Executive Committee". Starting Calendar Year 2019, Membership Dues are \$200 for applicants applying for single membership and \$350 for applicants applying for family membership.
- 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 legally present in the United States (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 a valid State issued ID is required (new applicants only) for verification purposes.
- Renewal applications must be submitted between January 1st and January 31st .
- Renewal applications received after January 31st 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 case in writing to the Executive Committee within (90) days from the expiration date of his membership for continuation of privileges. Decision of the Executive Committee shall be final in this matter."
- All new membership applications along with membership dues shall be submitted to the Secretary of MASOM (in-person only). Membership dues for new applicants shall be payable by check only.
- All current and approved members in good-standing have the option of submitting their membership applications either to the Secretary in person or to through regular mail directly to The Secretary of MASOM, PO Box 59916, Chicago, IL 60659.
- 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.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF MASOM