

# Service Above Self



## Spokane Rotary Club 21 Membership Application

# Joining Spokane Rotary Club 21

**Rotary is recognized as one of the premier service clubs in the world. It is an honor to be nominated and considered for membership.**

## Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of a community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

## Service Opportunities

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

## International Awareness

With more than 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

## Friendship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

## Good Citizenship

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivate them to make a difference.

## Ethical Environment

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary since its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by The Four-Way Test:

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3) Will it **BUILD GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## Leadership

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

## About Rotary Club 21

Rotary Club 21, in collaboration with Rotary International, champions health, education and peace through fellowship and service using our resources to make our community and world a better place.

Your interest in joining Rotary 21 should be primarily driven by your interest in helping fulfill this Purpose Statement.

We hope you will consider your membership in Rotary as a long-term endeavor. If you should change jobs, relocate or retire, you can find another Rotary Club that meets at convenient times.

**We have a strict rule against members allowing our directory to be used to solicit for non-Rotary business.**

## About Membership

Rotary 21 offers multiple tiers of membership:

- ☼ Full Membership – Any person may apply for an individual Full Membership.
- ☼ Couple's Membership – Established couples may apply for a Couple's Membership.
- ☼ Emerging Rotarian – Any person under the age of 40 may apply for an Emerging Rotarian membership.  
*Emerging Rotarians are unable to serve in Executive Roles on the Club 21 Board of Directors.*
- ☼ Corporate Membership – Any business or organization may apply for a Corporate Membership which allows for 2 full memberships with the option to add additional memberships. Billed annually to the business.
  - Includes organization's logo in the club directory, website, and pre-meeting slideshow
  - Ability to sponsor membership engagement events

## Application Process Outline

Selection into Spokane Rotary Club 21 will be based upon a track record of service above self and leadership. After a thorough review of an applicant, an invitation to join may be extended. New member applications take approximately 4-6 weeks to process.

While your application is being reviewed, you are welcome and encouraged to attend Thursday luncheons as a guest to start getting to know the club.

1. Membership applications are available on our website, [www.rotaryspokane.com](http://www.rotaryspokane.com) on the "Join 21" section, or by request via email, from the Rotary office.
2. All applicants are required to have a proposer who is a current member of the Spokane Rotary Club 21. The proposer assists the applicant in filling out the application, then reviews the proposed member's application for completion and submits all paperwork to the Rotary office.
3. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. To be reviewed in a given month, applications must be complete and submitted by the first or third Monday of the month.
4. The Rotary Office submits the completed application to the Classification Committee to review, interview references, make a recommendation to the board.
5. The board receives the recommendation from the Classification Committee and votes upon the candidate's membership (unless additional information is needed) at its next bi-monthly meeting.
6. If approved, the candidate's name is published in the weekly Monday morning E-News newsletter with seven days allowed for member comments.
7. After a satisfactory conclusion to this process, the Rotary Office and Membership Development Committee member will connect with the applicant to have a meeting with the applicant and present membership information.
8. Applicant completes membership payments, and the Rotary Office sends welcome information.

Questions can be directed to your proposer or the Spokane Rotary Club 21 Office at:

(509) 731-4289 or [Club21@rotaryspokane.com](mailto:Club21@rotaryspokane.com)



## Professional or Personal References

List the names of at least three (3) members of the business and professional community with whom you are well acquainted and who can speak to your potential membership in Spokane Rotary Club 21. Please indicate the number of years you have known each other, and their email address and phone numbers. These references are in addition to your Proposer.

Note: Please notify all references that a member of the Classification Committee may contact them.

*Rotarian or Reference Name                      Years Acquainted      Phone                      Email Address*

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- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Service Information Please List Community Service Activities

Organization	Position	From (yyyy)	To (yyyy)
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## Obligations of Membership

***The fees shown below are requirements of membership.*** The one-time initiation fee is listed on the sliding scale below and included with your initial dues invoice. Membership dues will be billed upon acceptance to Club 21. Invoices and statements are sent by email. **Please add [Club21@rotaryspokane.com](mailto:Club21@rotaryspokane.com) to your safe senders list to ensure they are received.** Payments are accepted online by credit card or by check. Annual invoices are sent on June 1 and cover July 1 - June 30. Initial invoices are pro-rated to the month of acceptance. Your participation in the Rotary Community Service Campaign is encouraged every Fall.

Membership Dues	
<b>Initiation Fee – One Time Only</b>	
Full Membership	\$200
Couple’s Membership (per couple)	\$200
Emerging Rotarian (under 40 yrs old)	\$100
Corporate Membership (2 members)	\$300 (add'l members Full or Emerging initiation fee per member)
<b>Membership Dues</b>	<b>Billed Annually – Due July 1</b>
Full Membership	\$480
Couple’s Membership (per couple)	\$610
Emerging Rotarian (under 40 yrs old)	\$305
Corporate Membership (2 members)	\$1,025 (add'l members 15% discount off Full or Emerging rate)

Membership Information	
Lunch or Beverage Fee (Weekly)	\$24.50 or \$5.50 <i>Credit Cards only</i>
Engagement Recommendation	60%
Annual Suggested Minimum Contribution to Spokane Rotary Community Service	\$300+
Annual Suggested Minimum for Corporate Membership	\$1,000+



## Prior Rotary Membership *(if applicable)*

Name of Rotary Club	Location	From (yyyy)	To (yyyy)	Reason for Leaving
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Rotary International ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Terms of Membership

Type of Membership requested:     Full     Couples     Emerging Rotarian     Corporate

Members are expected to serve on a Rotary committee, attend its meetings and engage in its activities. The tradition of Spokane Rotary is that its members willingly respond to requests for Rotary service – unless there are compelling reasons why they cannot do so.

Members are encouraged to attend 60% of regular weekly meetings or qualified make-ups.

The undersigned Proposer and Candidate have read and understand the application, the required dues and fees (and agrees to pay same when invoiced), and the membership expectations. If the application is approved, the Candidate's name will be published in the electronic newsletter and if no objections are received within the specified time, the Candidate will be welcomed to membership. This process may take several weeks, and candidates are invited to attend weekly meetings as the guest of a member during that time.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To be Completed by the Proposer:

1. How do you know the applicant?

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2. What are their current job responsibilities?

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3. Are you aware of any notable professional achievements?

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4. Are you aware of any notable service to the community?

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5. How would you describe the applicant's character and personal and professional ethics?

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6. How do you visualize the applicant would be as a member of the Spokane Rotary Club 21?

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7. Your comments about them and the Four Way Test.

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8. Your thoughts on their financial and time ability to meet our Club's financial commitments and time commitments.

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9. Given what you know about the applicant, what Rotary committee do you think would be a good first committee fit for them?

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10. What can you tell us about the applicant's family, education, sports & hobbies, and anything else you think we should know about them?

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Please feel free to include any other information you believe may be relevant

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I believe this candidate to be:

- 1) Fully informed of the requirements of Rotary membership
- 2) Associated with a company/organization regarded as ethical, and
- 3) In a position that enables him/her to exercise influence over the operations of their position/ company/organization

As Proposer, I understand I am attesting to the applicant's character and position. I understand successful new members to Rotary Club 21:

- a. Get active on a committee.
- b. Are encouraged to attend 60% of regular weekly meetings or qualified "Make-Up" meetings or events. Qualified make-ups shall be reported to the Rotary Office.
- c. Fulfill the financial commitments as outlined in the application form.
- d. Completes their new member checklist within 90 days of their Club membership.

I hereby pledge to assist the candidate in fulfilling their obligations. **Proposer Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer Signature \_\_\_\_\_