



The Rotary Club of Youngstown Membership Application

Service Above Self. Established 1915.

Weekly Lunch Meeting:

Wednesdays Noon
Manchester Room, Youngstown Central YMCA

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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Rotary Club of Youngstown has been welcoming new members for more than 100 years, as it is the 137th oldest Rotary Club in existence, one of 35,000 chapters founded around the world. As a Rotary member, you are a part of something big. You are connected to a network of 1.2 million business and community leaders, a cross-section of individuals from all different walks of life sharing the same beliefs: that service to others, high ethical standards, and friendship are the basis of a fulfilling life.

Service

Since 1915, The Rotary Club of Youngstown has dedicated itself to making the Mahoning Valley a better place for all to live. Club members contribute to humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address concerns such as education, youth, arts and culture, and economic development. These efforts are further enhanced through the Youngstown Rotary Foundation, managed by Club members. The Foundation has made over \$1 million in grants and scholarships since its inception.

Networking

An original goal of Rotary was to allow club members to meet periodically and enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. Rotarians represent a cross-section of their community's business owners, civic leaders, volunteers, managers, and political leaders. People committed to the Mahoning Valley and its advancement comprises our membership.

Friendship & Family

Rotary was founded on fellowship, a cornerstone that continues to attract members today. Rotarians enjoy camaraderie with like-minded individuals, and club activities provide opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Club members who travel can attend meetings and meet Rotarians in almost every city of the world.

Ethics

Encouraging high ethical standards and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by "The Four-Way Test": asking ourselves of the things we think, say, or do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Leadership

The Rotary Club of Youngstown and its members have been on the forefront of economic development and civic leadership in the Mahoning Valley. The Rotary Club of Youngstown founded the local chapters of Boys & Girls Club of Youngstown and Easter Seals; assisted in organizing the Chamber of Commerce and Better Business Bureau; and led recent projects including the construction of Harrison Field Park in the Smoky Hollow neighborhood, exhibits at OH WOW! Roger & Gloria Jones Center for Science & Technology, and the renovation of the Wick Park Pavilion.

Team-building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, and communication are just some of the skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in motivating, inspiring, and guiding others. Stimulating weekly programs, fellowship activities, and service opportunities define the Rotary Club of Youngstown. Some of these initiatives include: "Put Kids First", an award-winning mentoring program focusing on the improvement of the Youngstown City Schools, the Operation Warm project which provides coats for kids, hosting international students, and administering our grant programs. Service transforms the lives of others and your life as well.

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES & REQUIREMENTS

Join us! Have you been searching for an opportunity to make a real difference in the community? Then you should join other business, professional and community leaders as a member of the Rotary Club of Youngstown. We provide individuals an enjoyable and organized way to make a significant contribution to our home and abroad. Whether it be mentoring a young student or working on projects that make Youngstown a better place to work and raise a family, the Rotary Club provides you an opportunity to share your energy and a passion for the Mahoning Valley.

To be eligible for membership, a proposed new member must:

1. Be willing to participate in projects that enhance the community.
2. Agree to adhere to the bylaws governing the Club, and foster the Rotary Spirit by applying the Four Way Test and ethics of Rotary International.

Active Members are defined as those who pay dues after their membership application is accepted. Any new member must be proposed for membership by an existing club member, called a “sponsor” who is responsible for assisting any new member looking to join.

Members are expected:

1. To participate in a variety of offered activities such as weekly meetings, social events, service projects, and one of our multiple committees. High attendance will hopefully be an aspiration as you engage with the Club. You have the power to make Rotary what you want it to be through your level of participation.
2. To pay annual dues.
3. To support local special projects and service opportunities with your time.

Financial Responsibilities:

1. Membership dues are \$525 annually. Upon your acceptance into the Club you will receive a pro-rated dues invoice and be asked to pay an \$80 Initiation Fee. You will have the option of paying your dues annually, semi-annually, or by monthly bank draft (bank fees added).
 - For a cost breakout, just under half of annual dues go towards a pre-paid lunch increment. Over \$100 goes towards Rotary International and Ohio District dues, including your subscription to The Rotarian Magazine. The rest goes towards The Rotary Club of Youngstown for member's insurance, office expenses, space rental, and staffing the Club's office eight hours per week.
 - The Rotary Club of Youngstown is piloting a reduced fee membership level for new members who belong to the same organization of an existing member. Organizations must have less than 250 employees. Please contact the Membership Committee for rates if you believe this applies to you.
2. The cost of lunch is \$9 at the weekly meetings.
3. Members have opportunities to contribute individually to the Rotary Club of Youngstown Foundation and the Rotary International Foundation.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

We are excited you have decided to join one of the world's oldest and largest global organizations, Rotary International, and specifically, the Rotary Club of Youngstown.

Becoming a member of Rotary is a simple process, often beginning with a conversation between a prospective member and an existing Youngstown Rotarian. Anyone who is contemplating joining the Rotary Club of Youngstown is welcome to attend a service event or a few of our weekly lunches (our treat!) to learn more about the organization and to meet other current members.

Our Wednesday lunch meetings are good opportunities to get a sense of what Rotary is all about! Lunches are usually held at noon in the Manchester Room in the Youngstown Central YMCA, but sometimes we meet at other community locations on Wednesdays.

We meet Wednesdays at 12:00 PM

Youngstown Central YMCA

17 N. Champion Street

Youngstown, OH 44503

Free parking available in the lot at the corner of Commerce and Walnut Street.

To begin the application process:

1. Find a Club member as a sponsor.
2. Review the application and requirements of membership.
3. Complete the application, provide information as requested and submit.
4. You may send your completed application to PO Box 1287, Youngstown, OH 44503 or youngstownrotary@sbcglobal.net. The application can also be returned/emailed to your sponsor or Membership Chair during a Club meeting.
5. After your application is received, you will receive an e-mail confirmation from a member of our Membership Committee.
6. The Board of Directors of the Club will receive your application at one of their regularly scheduled monthly meetings to review and vote on your being accepted into membership.
7. Once the Board has approved your membership, you will be presented to the Club in *The Clatter*, the Club's weekly newsletter, per the Club's Bylaws. After the 10 day waiting period should no objections arise, you will be considered approved.
8. You will be informed of your acceptance to Youngstown Rotary and will be asked to pay the initiation fee. At the time of payment, you will be considered a Youngstown Rotarian and be introduced as such at a weekly meeting.
9. The membership application process may take 4-6 weeks. In the meantime, you are welcome to attend any of the clubs regularly scheduled weekly meeting.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION (Please Complete)

Potential Member Name: _____

Company/Organization or Retired: _____

Preferred Contact/Mailing Address (For magazine and Club Correspondence):

Preferred Billing Address, if different:

Preferred Email Address: _____

Preferred Contact Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

In a few words, describe your employment: _____

Other Organizations, Hobbies/Interests: _____

If joining as a former Rotarian, please list club information: _____

I hereby certify that I am qualified for active membership by my current or former status as a business, professional, or community leader, or as a Rotary Foundation alumnus/a, and by having a place of business or residence within the club's locality or surrounding area. I understand that, if accepted for membership, it will be my duty to exemplify the Object of Rotary in all my daily contacts and activities and to abide by the constitutional documents of Rotary International and the club. I agree to pay any admission fees required by the club and to pay annual dues in accordance with the club bylaws. I hereby give permission to the club to publish my name and proposed classification, if applicable, to its membership.

Proposed Member's Signature

Date

Sponsor Signature / Name

Date

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CLASSIFICATION

BASIC MEMBERSHIP / CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

ENTRY DATE

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