

THE ROTARY CLUB OF FREDERICKSBURG

Membership Application

Both applicant and Rotarian Sponsor should complete, sign, and return to Membership Chair, John Willome

Rotarian Sponsor: _____ **Sponsor Signature:** _____

Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Preferred Nick Name: _____

Home Address: _____ **City, ST Zip:** _____

Preferred Phone: _____ **Alternate Phone:** _____

Preferred Email: _____ **Alternate Email:** _____

Spouse/Partner Name: _____ **Spouse/Partner Date of Birth:** _____

Wedding Anniversary (date and year): _____

Business: _____ **Job Title:** _____

Business Address: _____ **City, ST Zip:** _____

Business Phone: _____ **Business Email:** _____

Business Fax: _____ **Website:** _____

Recent Rotarian? (one year or less) Yes / No

If transferring or rejoining Rotary, please list your dates of membership, previous Club name, member ID #, and district):

List previous affiliation(s) with Rotary (e.g., Rotary Early Act, Rotary Interact, Rotaract, RYLA / Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Rotary Youth Exchange Students, member of Rotary Community Corps, Rotary Foundation alumna or alumnus, etc.)

If the prospective new member has not been affiliated with a Rotary Club or Rotary program, then please **summarize highlights of prospect's most favorite or most fulfilling volunteer service and/or philanthropic experiences or accomplishments:** _____

I hereby certify that I am qualified for active membership by my current or former status as a business professional, community leader, Rotary Foundation alumna / alumnus, or by having a place of business or residence within the Club locality or surrounding area.

I understand that it will be my duty to exemplify Service Above Self in all my daily contacts and activities and abide by the Constitutional documents of Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Fredericksburg. I agree to pay the admission fees required by the Club and to pay quarterly dues in accordance with the Club bylaws. I hereby give permission to the Club to publish my name and proposed classification to its membership for approval.

Proposed Member's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

How to Join Rotary

Membership in Rotary International is an honor. Upon your approval, you will be joining 1.2 million women and men in over 200 countries around the world in carrying the motto “Service Above Self.” Rotary takes membership seriously. No one can nominate themselves to be a Rotarian. Existing Rotarians nominate those they deem worthy to be a representative and contributing member of Rotary International and the local Club. You have this application because someone believes you will make a great Rotarian.

Here is what you can expect as the Club leadership and membership considers your application:

- Complete the Membership Application and have your sponsoring Rotarian submit it to Club Membership Chair Dawn Bourgeois (email: bourgeois@beecreek.net, mobile: 830-456-8377). There is a \$55* initiation fee that must accompany your application. Should your application not be accepted for any reason, this \$55* will be refunded.
- Dawn Bourgeois will present your application to the board at the next scheduled meeting (normally the third Monday of the month).
- If the board approves your application, the Sgt. at Arms Jim Franer will list your name in the Club’s weekly bulletin (*Das Rad*) the following two weeks. This will give the current Club membership a chance to submit any comments or concerns to the board.
- If there are no issues with your application after those two weeks, then Dawn will notify you and your sponsor, and schedule your induction into the Club at the earliest opportunity.
- At your induction, you will receive a welcome packet that includes:
 - A red name badge. New members wear red badges to signify to members that you are new and gives them an opportunity to welcome you to the Club and get to know you.
 - A list of activities to be completed such as giving an introductory presentation to the Club as one of the meeting programs, serving as a greeter for the meetings, and volunteering for Club service projects. These are all designed to integrate you into the Club faster.
 - A form to select options for meals, how you prefer to donate to the Rotary International Foundation, and how you want to pay your club invoice (check or ACH transfer). You will submit this to Jim at the meeting. (See below for explanation of Club dues, meal options, and options for Rotary Foundation donations.)
 - The name and contact information for your assigned mentor, who will follow up with you and help you integrate into the Club.
- After Club Secretary/President-Elect Ken Cooke has submitted your information to Rotary International for membership, Dawn will schedule time with you to get you logged into your account on Rotary International’s web page and the Club’s website as well (*ClubRunner*).
- Upon completion of the checklist in your welcome packet, you will turn in your red badge and receive a blue badge in return.

Quarterly Financial Expectations

Mandatory:

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| • Rotary International Dues: | \$24.25* |
| • District 5840 Dues: | \$9.25* |
| • <u>Local Club Dues:</u> | <u>\$55.00*</u> |
| • *Total | \$88.50* |

Optional:

- Meals: \$18.00/meal Can be paid at each meeting or billed.
- Rotary International Foundation: \$100.000 per year (optional but *strongly* encouraged). Can be mailed to Rotary International Foundation or given online through <https://my.rotary.org>.
- Other optional events and donation opportunities

*Members under the age of 40 have the option of paying half of the initiation fee (\$27.50) and half of the quarterly Club, District, and International dues (\$44.25) for *up to three years* if they agree to volunteer at least 30 hours at club service projects and fundraisers and maintain 85% attendance. Eligibility for this consideration will be evaluated each year.