

**Per the recent changes to the HTGC Constitution, the Annual General Body Meeting will happen in October. The deadline for filing a membership form for the Annual General Body Meeting is August 15, 2023, 7:00 PM CDT.**



# THE HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CHICAGO

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## Membership Application Form

Type (circle one): Patron Life Annual Renewal Application No: \_\_\_\_\_  
(HTGC Office Use)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Name

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Family ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understood the Membership requirements as outlined below. I am at least 18 years of age and I abide by HTGC Constitution. I understand that this Membership is not transferable.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(This application form is invalid without a signature)

### FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Membership no: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Verification: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer

Date

Secretary

Date

### HTGC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS- APRIL 2015

ARTICLE III MEMBERS: Section 1. Categories of Members: The Corporation, also referred to as the General Body or the organization, shall have two categories of members, consisting of regular members and patron members. A. Regular Members (Annual or Life Members): Any person fulfilling the membership qualifications and has paid the membership dues is a regular member of the corporation. A regular member can be an annual or life member by paying the appropriate dues as set by the Board of Trustees.

B. Patron Members: Any person fulfilling the membership qualifications and has donated a cumulative amount of \$ 10,000/- or more in 3 consecutive calendar years is a patron member. Section 2. Membership qualifications: Any person becoming a member of the corporation shall: A. Fill out an application form and/or annual renewal form B. Pay the appropriate membership dues C. Abide by the purposes of the corporation as defined in Article I D. Be at least 18 years of age.

BYLAW 2 - MEMBERSHIP: Any person who meets the membership qualification requirements of Article III of the Constitution is eligible to become a member of the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago (HTGC) in any one of the following categories described herein. The eligible person shall submit a duly filled a current HTGC Membership Application Form and pay the proper membership dues. The membership dues may be changed by a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees or by the General Body of the HTGC. Such a change in membership dues becomes effective on January 1 of the following year from the passage of such a resolution. As stipulated in the Constitution such a change shall be made only once a year. The membership shall be renewed every year. The membership shall be based on a calendar year. For the purpose of eligibility of membership privileges based on member donations, the family shall be defined as "husband, wife and children only".

SECTION A - Categories: There shall be two categories of members: (1) Regular Member (Life, Annual) (2) Patron Member. If a duly filled out and signed HTGC Membership Application is received at HTGC (in person or via fax), he/she shall be listed as a Member of HTGC for final approval by the Board of Trustees. The membership eligibility for voting rights of Life, Patron and Annual Members shall be determined as per the following deadlines. i) The deadline for completing, signing and filing a membership form authorized by the Board of Trustees for the Semi-Annual General Body Meeting in April of each year is 7:00 PM on March 15 of the same year. The list of Board-approved voting members for the Semi-Annual General Body Meeting shall be available by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year. ii) The deadline for completing, signing and filing a membership form authorized by the Board of Trustees for the Annual General Body Meeting in December of each year is 7:00 PM on October 10<sup>th</sup> of the same year. The list of Board-approved voting members for the Annual General Body Meeting each year shall be available by October 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year. iii) Persons eligible for Life or Patron Membership who complete the payment after 7:00 PM on October 10<sup>th</sup> of the year shall be eligible for Life or Patron Membership from the following year.

1) Regular Member: a) Life Member: Any person who pays \$2,000/- (two thousand) or more to the HTGC within a period of one calendar year (Jan 1st to Dec 31st) and meets the membership requirements of the Constitution are eligible to be a life member. The \$2000 can be in the form of donations, Puja Sponsorship or a single payment of \$2,000/-. A life member of Sanjeevani, Ramsevak Samaj or Bilva leaf is also eligible for the life membership. A life member shall renew his / her membership, once a year by returning a duly signed renewal form. Any life member who does not renew his / her membership, he /she will be listed as an inactive life member of the HTGC. He/she can activate his/her membership at any time by sending his/her written consent to the Secretary. b) Annual Member: Any person who pays \$500 (five hundred dollars) membership dues to the HTGC, and meets the membership requirements of the Constitution shall be eligible to be an Annual Member for that calendar year. The \$500/- shall be in the form of donations, Puja Sponsorship(s) or a single payment exclusively towards the membership dues.

2) Patron Member: Any person who pays \$10,000/- or more within a period of three consecutive calendar years is eligible to be a patron member. The \$10,000/- can be in the form of donations, Puja sponsorships, Sanjeevani Tree and/or Ramsevak Samaj sponsorships. The Patron Members shall be considered as a separate category of members for the voting and administrative purpose and shall follow the same procedure as for life members for the membership renewal.

Applications submitted after the October 10<sup>th</sup> deadline shall be processed and presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. These applicants shall not be eligible to attend the Annual General Body Meetings and shall not be eligible to vote in the election process for that year. Exclusions for All Membership Dues: The following payments shall not count towards membership contributions: a) Payments towards food and auxiliary items b) Payments towards rental of HTGC indoor and outdoor premises c) Payments towards Fund-Raising Dinner tickets & Fine Arts Program tickets and d) Payments towards "designation in future"

SECTION B – Membership Dues: Any payments made in cash, by money order or by cashier's checks of \$200/- or more shall be paid directly in person at the HTGC Front Desk. Individuals making any such payments are required to present a valid government issued photo ID at the time of payment.

SECTION C - Transfer of Membership: HTGC Membership shall not be transferable.