



# Islamic Society of Greater Houston

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (For Voting Eligibility)

### PART I

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Origin (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer your professional services to ISGH? YES NO

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names & Dates of Birth (REQUIRED): Voting eligibility: 15 years to 20 years old on Election Day.

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|----------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| 1. _____ | DOB* ____/____/____<br>MM/DD/YR | 4. _____ | DOB* ____/____/____<br>MM/DD/YR |
| 2. _____ | DOB* ____/____/____<br>MM/DD/YR | 5. _____ | DOB* ____/____/____<br>MM/DD/YR |
| 3. _____ | DOB* ____/____/____<br>MM/DD/YR | 6. _____ | DOB* ____/____/____<br>MM/DD/YR |

I certify that above information is correct, and I have read the membership articles of the ISGH Constitution and Bylaws stated on the back of this application. I further agree to resolve any dispute with other members or ISGH Administration through Islamic Arbitration and will abide by the Code of Ethics stated in the ISGH constitution.

**1 Year Membership Dues:** Family \$40, Single \$25, Student \$10.00 (Evidence of FULL time registration in a recognized educational institution is required); Multi-year Dues : 3-Year Membership: family \$100, Single \$60; 5-year Membership: family \$150, Single \$100; and Life Membership \$1000.00 Membership dues are non refundable.

**Dependent children over age of 21 years must have separate membership application.**

**ALL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY MAJLIS AL-SHURA**

**MY MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE ASSOCIATED WITH\*\*:**

Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Center \_\_\_\_\_

*N-Adel Road, Champions, NW-Bear Creek, Spring Branch, SW-Mission Bend, Synott Road, New Territory, SO-Brand Lane, SE-HWY 3, Pearland. (\*\*Members residing near the boundary of 2 zones & wish to participate in an adjacent zone, can do so by making a petition to the destination zonal council & then be submitted to the BOARD for consideration).*

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

### PART II

#### TAX DEDUCTIBLE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Automatic Monthly Deduction from Your Bank: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please enclose a CANCELLED check)

I hereby authorize Islamic Society of Greater Houston (ISGH) to charge my account detailed below:

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to be used for: Main Center, \_\_\_\_\_ Zone, Darul Arqam School, Dawa, Endowment Fund, Funeral Fund, Membership, Zakaat, Sadaqa

### PART III

#### For ISGH Use Only

This is to certify that the applicant satisfies the eligibility for voting membership as per ISGH Bylaws Article I, Membership Section 2.

\_\_\_\_\_  
General Secretary/Director/Zonal Council Member/Membership Secretary

Shura Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Processed By \_\_\_\_\_

\* Names without complete date of birth will not be entered.

**ISGH CONSTITUTION**  
**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1.

All persons are eligible for membership in ISGH. In this Constitution, all references to the male gender (he, him, his, etc.) shall be assumed to mean male or female.

Section 2.

The Society shall have two categories of members: A. Natural Member, and B. Associate Member.

Section 3. Natural Member

Every Muslim is a natural member. A natural member hereinafter shall be referred to as a "member".

Section 4. Associate Member

Any non-Muslim who displays interest in Islam and pays membership dues is eligible to become an Associate Member. An Associate Member is not eligible to vote or hold office of ISGH.

Section 5. Eligible Voting Member

Any natural member can become an eligible voting member by fulfilling eligibility requirements as defined in the Bylaws.

Section 6. General Body and General Assembly

The eligible voting members shall collectively constitute the General Body of ISGH. A meeting of the General Body shall be referred to as the General Assembly.

Section 7.

The annual membership dues of the ISGH are as explained in the Bylaws.

Section 8.

Each member pledges to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of ISGH.

**ISGH BYLAWS**  
**ARTICLE 1. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Voting Member

The term voting member shall mean a natural member who fulfills the requirements of Section 2 of this article.

Section 2. Eligibility for Voting.

The following requirements shall be satisfied before a natural member may be eligible to vote in general assembly and election:

- A. File an Application for Membership (if one has not been filed before) on or before June 30, pay his own annual dues, and has attained the age of 15 years. The annual dues of a member may be waived by a majority vote of the Legislative Board of Directors (BOARD) for financial hardship. The annual dues of a member may not be paid by another person unless he is related by blood or marriage.
- B. And has satisfied one of the following:
  - (i) Have participated regularly in at least one of four of the following regularly scheduled programs at any of the ISGH centers or mosques.
    - ISGH children school program or adult educational program or – funeral arrangement or – Quranic study or
    - al-Dawah activity
  - (ii) – have financially contributed a fair share (at least 1%) of their annual income.
  - (iii) – have volunteered their time in other approved organizational activities of the Society not included in 2B(i)

C. All applications for new membership shall be approved by BOARD.

Section 3. Annual Dues and Joint Membership with ISNA

A. The annual membership dues shall be on a calendar year basis (January 1 through December 31) and are payable in accordance with a schedule to be established annually by the BOARD, provided that the dues shall not be less than the amount shown below:

Family - \$40.00    Single - \$25.00    Student - \$10.00

Family Membership is limited to members and spouse, dependent children under the age of 21 years on June 30, and parents of member and spouse living in the same household as the member)

The BOARD may also establish a multi-year dues schedule that offers discounts to members who pay membership dues in advance for future years. The multi-year dues schedule may not discount the regular membership dues by more than twenty five percent (25 %). The dues shall not be refundable.

Through an agreement with the Islamic Society of North America, Inc. (ISNA), a member paying annual membership dues to ISGH also becomes a member of ISNA. A portion of the membership dues paid to ISGH will be remitted to ISNA for its membership. The portion of membership dues to be paid to ISNA will be established annually by the BOARD.

- B. Any member of whatever classification whose annual dues have not been received by March 31 shall be automatically suspended from membership, and will not be eligible to vote unless a new application is submitted.