



A Voluntary University Youth Organization for Community Service

FRIENDS SOCIETY

Since 1969

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APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP

Friends Society (FS) membership is open to students and anyone who has strong interest in voluntary community service. Membership may be in any of the following four categories depending on the involvement desired.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	MEMBER'S INVOLVEMENT	MEMBERSHIP FEE
ACTIVE	They are expected to actively participate in the regular FS activities and devote, on an average, at least two hours a week	Annual: Rs. 50 – for students Rs. 200 – for others
ASSOCIATE	They may participate from time to time in the regular FS activities	
LIFE	They serve as a source of support for the Society. They may attend FS programs and events	One-time: Rs. 2,000 – for those residing in India Rs. 10,000 – for those residing outside India
PATRON	They serve as a constant source of support and also as ambassadors of FS	One-time: Rs. 25,000 – for those residing in India Rs. 50,000 – for those residing outside India

(Please fill out the form in all CAPITAL LETTERS)

_____ (First name)

_____ (Middle initial)

_____ (Last name / surname)

_____ (Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.)

PRESENT ADDRESS: Building / street: _____

City: _____; State: _____; PIN (ZIP code): _____ Country: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: - Check if the same as above; If different, please fill out details below

Building / street: _____

City: _____; State: _____; PIN (ZIP code): _____ Country: _____

EMAIL: _____ **MOBILE PHONE:** Country code: _____ Number: _____

Education: -Check if currently a student; Specialization: _____

If completed education: Degree: _____ in (specialization): _____

Current occupation: _____ Age: - Check if over 16 yrs.; Blood Group: _____

Have you been a FS member in the past? - YES; - NO. If Yes, the year when had joined (estimate): _____

Comments (if any):

I wish to apply as:

- Active Member (- select activities below); - Associate Member; - Life Member; - Patron

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Note: You will be notified once your application has been accepted.

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Amount received:		Date received	
Accepted? (Y / N)		If denied, reasons:	
Receipt no.:		Receipt sent on (date):	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THOSE APPLYING FOR "ACTIVE" MEMBERSHIP

If interested in becoming ACTIVE member, please select 2 to 3 activities you are interested in from the 7 activities (no. 1 to 7) below. Please indicate your preference by marking "1", "2" and "3" for the activities you select. We will try to accommodate your first preference as much as possible, and you can change activities in the future. Also, select one activity where member support is needed (no. 8 to 11 in the table below). All activities are described on the following pages.

	REGULAR FS ACTIVITIES for MEMBER INVOLVEMENT	Your preference (Indicate "1", "2" and "3")
1	Cheer up	
2	Sunday School	
3	Sunday Club	
4	Voluntary Blood Donation	
5	Youth Club	
6	Programmes for Future Leaders	
7	Programmes for University Youth	
	ACTIVITIES NEEDING MEMBER SUPPORT	Select one
8	Public Reading Room and Library	
9	Balwadi	
10	Sewing - Embroidery Class and Income Generation Programme	
11	Vocational Training Program for Women	

FRIENDS SOCIETY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

ACTIVITY	OBJECTIVE	WHAT MEMBERS DO	FREQUENCY
ACTIVITIES FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS			
Cheer Up	Reduce monotony and bring happiness to institutionalized children with physical disabilities and increase their health awareness by organizing educational programs	(a) Entertainment and educational programs of general nature, and celebration of festivals with them; (b) Out-of-station trips; (c) Encourage participation of children in outdoor activities; and (d) Encourage institutional cleanliness	Evening visits to the participating institutions Twice a month
Sunday School	Facilitate supplementary education, medical rehabilitation, mobility improvement, and social integration of non-institutionalized mentally challenged children	(a) Yoga, music, physiotherapy for overall well-being; (b) Art therapy, drawings paintings, clay modeling, and origami for fine motor coordination; (c) Visits to their homes and schools to extend improvement opportunities, and (d) Meeting with parents to provide them guidance and improve quality of care they provide	Every Sunday at the FS campus 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sunday Club	Serve as a support group for differently-abled adults who are our past beneficiaries	(a) Identify their medical needs and facilitate treatment; (b) Arrange writers for visually impaired students for taking exams, (c) Identify suitable vocations and contact industries and employers to find employment opportunities; (d) Support for obtaining government benefits under various schemes; (e) Entertainment programs, and (f) Chess games between visually impaired persons and FS members	Sunday (once a month) at the FS campus 4:00 to 6:00 PM
ACTIVITIES FOR NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITIES			
Youth Club	Provide friendly atmosphere conducive to learning; reduce delinquent behaviours of children from lower socio-economic class who are often school drop-outs	(a) Informal and supplemental educational activities; (b) Indoor and outdoor recreational programmes; and (c) Parents' counselling	Mon to Sat at the FS campus 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Public Reading Room and Library	Promote reading habits amongst people of all ages	(a) Operate library; (b) Look after the up-keep of the books, newspapers, and magazines; and (c) Maintain codification of books	Reading room: Daily 8:30 - 11:30 AM Library: Mon, Wed and Fri 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Balwadi	Integrate children from lower socio-economic class into the mainstream of society and foster self-confidence in them	(a) Junior and Senior KG classes based on syllabus of Chetan Balwadi, M.S. University; (b) Regular nutritional focus and medical check-ups; (c) Celebration of festivals of various religions; (d) Regular field visits to expose children to different aspects of the city (gardens, bank, post office, bus stand, railway station, airport, offices, etc.), and (d) Meetings with parents	Mon to Fri at the FS campus 9:00 AM to 12 noon
Sewing - Embroidery Class and Income Generation	Encourage and facilitate self-employment among women from lower socio-economic class; guide their educational and social development	(a) Regular sewing and embroidery classes for women and adolescent girls; (b) Conduct exams as per syllabus of WCGM (Women and Children Garment Making); and (c) Develop income generation skills	Mon to Fri at the FS campus 2:00 to 4:00 PM

ACTIVITY	OBJECTIVE	WHAT MEMBERS DO	FREQUENCY
Vocational Training for Women	Impart vocational skills to women from lower socio-economic class to supplement their incomes	Regular classes for: (a) Beauty parlor, (b) Mehendi; and (c) Artificial Jewelry	Monthly at the FS campus 12:00 to 2:00 PM
FOR POOR AND NEEDY PATIENTS			
Voluntary Blood Donation	Mobilize student community to donate blood, encourage others to do so, and disseminate knowledge on the subject	(a) Organize and coordinate voluntary blood donation camps in association with the SSG Hospital Blood Bank at various M.S. University facilities; (b) Organize camps at offices and industries in and around the city	Around 15 camps in a year
FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND UNIVERSITY YOUTH			
Programme for Future Leaders	Enable school students to develop into socially responsible, effective, and efficient leaders of tomorrow	(a) Out-bound camps for secondary-level students; and (b) Workshops for children with emphasis on character development	3 to 4 programs in a year at outside location or schools
Programme for University Youth	Conduct programmes tailored to the needs of the university youth; help them develop leadership and other skills, and understand the importance of team work	(a) Out-station Leadership Training camp for the FS Executive Committee members; (b) Out-station Program Planning camp for FS members to expose them to techniques useful for various FS activities; and (c) Talks and discussions by various faculty on relevant issues	Training camp at outside location: yearly Two talks per month at FS campus

EVENTS (All members are welcome to participate)

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	FREQUENCY
SHAURYA – All Vadodara Special Children Sports Meet	Shaurya (“A feat of Courage”) is sports meet for the differently-abled children (physically, visually, hearing, or mentally challenged, or visually impaired) aimed at helping them discover and test their potential and infuse in them a spirit of fair and healthy competition. About 500 to 600 children from 20 to 25 special schools in Vadodara participate. Various sporting events are organized, such as ‘Aim the Tin,’ ‘Ball Throw,’ ‘Find the Marble,’ ‘Identify the Object,’ ‘Ball Throw,’ ‘Sack Race,’ ‘Lemon and Spoon Race,’ ‘50 m and 100 m Race,’ ‘Tricycle Race,’ etc.	Once a year in December / January at a school or university ground in Vadodara
GUNJ – an Echo of Music	Gunj (“An Echo of Music”) is a musical program by visually impaired artists who are the past beneficiaries of FS or are students of Music College, M. S. University. Such programme helps them showcase their talents which may open avenues for them for career progress	Once every two years at FS campus
SAHIYARI MELA – Arts and Craft Exhibition	SAHIYARI MELA (“Collaborative Fair”) showcases items made by beneficiaries of Sewing & Embroidery class and Sunday School with the support of FS volunteers. Items displayed and offered for sale typically include jewelry, ankodi work, chaniya choli with fabric painting or embroidery, ladies’ dresses, clothes for children, shoulder bag, mobile phone cover, decorative pieces for hanging, bookmarks, paintings, and so on	Once a year in September at FS campus

VARIOUS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES (All members are welcome to participate)

Members also participate in activities that help support the FS: (a) Organize fund raising drives; (b) Publish ‘INVOLVE’ to disseminate information about FS activities; (c) update FS website; and (d) Assist with the campus maintenance

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