



BOARD POLICY #120

Society Membership, Application Procedure and Application Form

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

Society Membership

Bylaw No. 1 of Cambridge Christian School Society specifies its membership rationale and criteria as follows:

Article 4 – MEMBERSHIP

Voting Member – Any individual who has signified in writing his or her agreement with the basis, purpose, and principal guidelines as stated in Articles 1 and 2 of this Bylaw; who is at least eighteen (18) years of age; who has paid the required membership fee as determined by the Board of Directors or has made other financial arrangements satisfactory to the Board of Directors; and whose written application for membership in the prescribed form has been accepted by the Board of Directors.

Each member shall have one vote. Unless otherwise stated in Bylaw No.1, any matter requiring a vote at a membership meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. Elections to the Board of Directors shall be by secret ballot. Any other matter may be decided by oral vote, unless otherwise determined by the Chairperson of the meeting.

Membership may be terminated by:

- a) Resignation by a member in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. Such resignation shall become effective upon acceptance thereof by the Board of Directors.*
- b) Cancellation by decision of the Board of Directors, subject to the member's right of appeal to the next membership meeting as prescribed by the By-laws;*
- c) Failure to pay prescribed fees as determined by the Board of Directors;*
- a) Death of the member.*

Membership shall not be transferable.

In case of resignation, subject to the decision of the Board of Directors, the member shall remain liable for payment of any assessment or other sum levied which became payable by him or her to the Corporation, prior to the submission of the resignation.

The applicant will be promptly informed of acceptance as a member of the Corporation.

Application Procedure

For New Parents of CCS Students

1. The Principal will ensure that a brochure explaining the benefits of Society membership is included in Inquiring Parent packages.

2. The Principal will discuss Society membership as part of the family interview for enrolment. All new families will be given a Society membership application form to consider.
3. The Principal will indicate to the new families that the Principal's name may be used as their referee on the application form.
4. Completed membership application along with the \$20 (per individual) membership fees attached are to be forwarded to the Board Secretary, or designate, for consideration.
5. The Board Secretary, or designate, at the next Society Membership Committee meeting, shall present the application before the committee.

For New Supporters of CCS

1. Interested individuals may obtain a brochure and an application form from the School Office or download it from the school website.
2. Completed applications with the \$100 (per individual) membership fee attached received at the school will be forwarded to the Board Secretary, or designate.
3. The Board Secretary, or designate, at the next Society Membership Committee meeting, shall present the application before the committee.

Application Approvals

1. At the next Society Membership Committee meeting, the Committee Chairperson shall entertain all applications. When the committee is satisfied with an application, individual(s) shall be recommended to the CCSS Board of Directors for approval. The Board Secretary will ensure that the applications are presented at the next Board meeting.
2. If there is any difficulty with the application and/or any concerns about the validity of the referee, the Committee Chairperson shall appoint two committee members to visit the applicant in order to resolve the outstanding concerns cited.
3. The Board of Directors shall expeditiously consider all membership applications recommended by the Society Membership Committee. Upon their approval, the Board Secretary shall sign and date the application form which is to be kept on file at the school. The Board Secretary, or designate, shall also inform the applicant promptly regarding the approval.
4. The Board Secretary, or designate, shall send to the applicant a welcome letter indicating the benefits of society membership. In addition, the Board Secretary, or designate, shall enter the newly approved member into the Society database and ensure that all future information and correspondence is also directed to the new member.
5. The Society Membership Committee shall report at the next Society Membership Meeting the names of all new members admitted since the last membership meeting.

APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Name: _____
Last First

Address _____
Street City Postal Code

(Home Phone) _____ (Business) _____

Email Address _____

Spouse Name: _____
Last First

Business Phone _____ Email Address _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Personal Reference: Please indicate who will be your reference for this application. A reference can be your church pastor, a current Cambridge Christian School Society member or the CCS School Principal.

Referee Name: _____

I / We agree with the basis, purpose and principles of the Cambridge Christian School Society as stated in Articles 1 and 2 of Bylaw No. 1.	
Applicant: _____	Date: _____
Spouse Applicant: _____	Date: _____

Membership Approval	
The above applicant(s) approved as member(s) of the Cambridge Christian School Society by a resolution of the Board of Directors on:	
Date: _____	Board Secretary Signature: _____

Articles 1 and 2 of Bylaw No. 1.

ARTICLE I

BASIS OF THE CORPORATION

1. The basis of the Corporation is the following confessions:
 - a. Bible: We believe the Bible to be the complete Word of God; that the sixty-six books, as originally written, comprising the Old and New Testaments, were verbally inspired by the Spirit of God and were entirely free from error; that the Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice, and the only true basis of Christian unity.
 - b. God: We believe in one God, Creator of all, holy, sovereign, eternal, existing in three equal Persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This only living and true God has revealed Himself in the Holy Scriptures.
 - c. Christ: We believe in the absolute and essential deity of Jesus Christ, His eternal existence with the Father in the preincarnate glory, His virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, triumphant ascension, mediatorial ministry, and personal return.
 - d. The Holy Spirit: We believe in the absolute and essential deity and personality of the Holy Spirit, Who convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and who regenerates, sanctifies, illuminates, and comforts those who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Spirit-filled life, but reject that speaking in tongues is the evidence.
 - e. Man: We believe that man was divinely created in the image of God, that man in the Garden of Eden was tempted by Satan, the archenemy of God and His people; that man yielded to this temptation; that he by this sin became guilty before God, totally depraved, thereby incurring physical and spiritual death. We believe in the doctrine of Creation as revealed in Genesis and other Scriptures and reject the theory of evolution.
 - f. Salvation: We believe that salvation is by the sovereign, electing grace of God; that by the appointment of the Father, Christ voluntarily suffered a vicarious expiatory and propitiatory death; that justification is by faith alone in the all-sufficient sacrifice and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that those whom God has effectually called shall be divinely preserved and finally perfected in the image of the Lord.
 - g. Christian Behaviour: We believe that for our moral or ethical life we must be guided by the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) and all that the Lord has revealed in the Bible concerning morals.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND PRINCIPAL GUIDELINES

2. The purpose of the Corporation is to maintain a school for the daily instruction of our children. Such instruction is to be in accordance with the Basis of the Corporation as follows below and directed toward the end that these children may occupy their places worthily in society, church, and state.
3. God, in His infinite wisdom, has appointed the parents to be responsible for the training of the child(ren) to the end that God and His glory should be central and supreme in life's total experience.
4. Such training of the child(ren) shall be continued under the parents' responsible supervision in a school that carries out the basic God-honouring, Christ-centred programme begun in the home.
5. The school is not an ecclesiastical body, nor is it subject to any ecclesiastical organization. It is committed to the infallible Biblical world and life view. The education principles must be distinctively Biblical in emphasis and character.