

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The only persons eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star of this Jurisdiction are the wives, widows, mothers, daughters, legally adopted daughters, step-daughters, sisters, half-sisters, grandmothers, granddaughters, step-granddaughters, great-granddaughters, aunts, nieces, step-mothers, step-sisters, mothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, and female first cousins of a Master Mason in good standing or who, if deceased, was in good standing at the time of his death; females recommended by a Master Mason in good standing; certified Majority Members of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls who are sponsored by a Master Mason in good standing; and Master Masons in good standing

(1) Good Masonic standing requires that a Mason shall be a member of a regular and duly constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, who shall not be unaffiliated, suspended, or expelled.

(2) The widow of a Master Mason who marries a man not a Mason shall not be eligible to receive the degrees, unless she is otherwise qualified in accordance with this Section.

(3) A resident of New Jersey petitioning for membership in a Subordinate Chapter in New Jersey must have been a resident of said State for six months preceding the date of her or his petition for membership. Non-residents of New Jersey may make application for membership in Subordinate Chapters in New Jersey and the conduct of the waiver requirements and correspondence therewith shall be conducted through the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

(4) A member of the Order of the Eastern Star of this Jurisdiction, who petitioned for membership in our Order upon a Masonic relationship or Masonic Recommendation, and who thereafter becomes the wife, mother, daughter or sister of a Master Mason in good standing, may have her record of membership amended in her Subordinate Chapter and in the Grand Chapter to set up such new Masonic relationship as a basis of her continued membership, upon certification by the Worthy Patron and a Committee of Investigation, especially appointed for such purpose, who shall have investigated said relationship and the Masonic standing of such Master Mason.

(5) Certification of Rainbow Girl affiliation requires a written verification from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in New Jersey to accompany a petition for membership. The sponsoring Master Mason shall submit a letter of recommendation and the authenticity of his good standing shall be verified by the Worthy Patron. The dues card of one elected to membership under this provision shall state "Certified Rainbow Girl Affiliation".

All applicants for membership shall have attained the age of 18 years and shall speak and understand the English language.

(Every petitioner for membership by Initiation in the Order of the Eastern Star shall present a petition in the form authorized and provided by the Grand Chapter.