

*Proposal for Membership*

**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America**

Elk Member \_\_\_\_\_

Under the Obligation of the Order, proposes the following applicant for membership:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Proposer Member #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Proposer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number of Proposer Email Address of Proposer



**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY APPLICANT**

— PLEASE PRINT OR USE TYPEWRITER —

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
2. State the place and date of your birth. Answer: Born in City of \_\_\_\_\_  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in year \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you believe in God? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are you a Citizen of the United States? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
5. If foreign born, when and where were final naturalization papers issued? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Are you willing to assume an Obligation that:  
 (a) Will not conflict with your duties to yourself, or your family, or your religious or political opinions, and that  
 (b) Will bind you to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States of America? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you now a member of the Communist Party or indirectly connected or affiliated with the Communist Party, or with any organization or group advocating or believing in the overthrow of the government of the United States by force? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. If you have ever been discharged from the Armed Services of the United States or any of its Allies, state the character of the discharge received.  
 Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Have you ever been proposed for membership in any Lodge of this Order, if so, where and when and with what result?  
 Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Have you been a bona fide resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge immediately preceding the date of this application? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Give references of at least two Members of this Order, other than the Proposer, stating the name, home address, and business address:

Name	Home Address	Business Address	Phone

13. Give the name of each place of your residence you have had during the last 5 years preceding the date of this application specifying date of each change therein, also the occupation followed by you in each place.

Place of Residence	When Established	When Changed	Occupation	Phone

The above blank must be fully filled out by the Proposer and the Applicant, and be accompanied by an Application Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or it will not be considered. Balance of Initiation Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and proportionate (Semi-) Annual Dues up to next April 1st/October 1st (*strike out date not needed*) must both be paid at time of Initiation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date 20

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

## [APPLICANT]

I express a preference to serve on the Committee, or Committees, checked below:

### CIVIC/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- Americanism
- Charities
- Community Affairs
- Elks Hospitals
- Handicapped Children
- Scholarships
- Essay Contests
- Boy/Girl Scouts
- Youth Sports
- Drug Awareness
- Community Welfare
- Law and Order
- Elks Clinics
- Summer Camps
- Poster Contests
- Blood Drives
- Veterans Services
- Other Activities

### LOCAL LODGE ACTIVITIES

- Lodge Entertainment
- Bridge/Card Clubs
- Conventions
- Lodge Maintenance
- Publicity
- Bulletin
- Breakfast—Dinners
- Decorating
- Auditing
- Lodge Visitation
- Lodge Sports
- Games
- Bus/Boat Trips
- Photography
- Bingo
- Sick Visitation
- Parties—Dances
- Greeter
- Membership
- Family Activities

## [PROPOSER]

I realize that membership in the Elks is attained by invitation only, that the standards for membership are high and limited to persons of good moral character and who believe in God.

In proposing this Candidate for membership, I attest that they are morally, socially and financially responsible; and that, in my estimation, will become an active Member, in support of our beliefs.

I have known the prospective Member for \_\_\_\_\_ months/years. If Candidate is approved and accepted, I pledge my personal interest to his/her development and progress in the principles of the B.P.O. Elks.

Signature of Proposer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## INITIATION PROCESSING RECORD

On the Application of \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer \_\_\_\_\_

### INITIATION FEE AND DUES

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Initiation Fee Prorated Dues Total Amount Due

### Record of Funds Received and Dates:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### PROCESSING RECORD

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Read at Lodge Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Investigated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Reported to Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Notice Mailed to Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Balloted Upon: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected: \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Indoctrinated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Initiated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership No. Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

*The undersigned Committee on Membership*

**Reports:** Favorably \_\_\_\_\_ Unfavorably \_\_\_\_\_

### EXCERPTS FROM LAWS OF THE ORDER

The Lodge Dues are per annum and may be paid semi-annually in advance of April 1st and October 1st of each year or annually in advance on April 1st of each year. An Applicant rejected, must wait six months before reapplying for membership.

Rejected Applicants shall have their Application Fees returned to them by the Lodge.

No Lodge can receive an Application from any person residing or being in the jurisdiction of another Lodge, except as otherwise provided for in the Statutes.

Should a Candidate fail, without good cause, to appear for Initiation within four months from the date of the Candidate's election, the Exalted Ruler shall declare the Candidate's right to Initiation (*under such application and ballot*) and also the Candidate's proposition fee forfeited.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*An Invitation to Join the  
Benevolent and Protective  
Order of Elks of the  
United States of America*



The works of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are well-known throughout the Country. Organized on February 16, 1868, we are the largest American Benevolent Organization in the United States of America, consisting of American Citizens of the United States and its Territories.

The Order of Elks is dedicated to Service to our communities and our Country.

The Order of Elks is a Charitable Order and is dedicated to helping those who are less fortunate and in need.

The Order of Elks is dedicated to the youth of our communities, Veterans Service, furtherance of Americanism and many other Benevolent activities.

Upon attaining membership in our Order, you will become part of a National Organization, with a membership of well over a million American Citizens, from every prominent city of our Country, who are respected Citizens in their communities and are proud to say that they belong to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

**“Elks Care — Elks Share”**