**Membership Application**

**Worshipful Company of World Traders**

The Worshipful Company of World Traders is a modern, vibrant and active Livery Company working within a fine City tradition. Our membership comprises people from a diverse range of professions and backgrounds who come together at our social and business events to enjoy each other’s company and exchange their thoughts and ideas. We are delighted that you are considering applying to join us. Please do feel free to contact us to ask questions or request further information. In the first instance, you may wish to peruse our website – [www.world-traders.org](http://www.world-traders.org).

**About This Application Form**

This application form for admission as a Freeman to the Worshipful Company of World Traders is designed to:

1 – gain the basic information needed to assess your application;

2 – function as a means of ensuring that you have a good idea of what membership involves;

3 – provide the basic information we will share after admission with all members to get you started in your life with the Company.

This application is then used to arrange your membership interview. The interview process requires a traditional, ‘complete’, curriculum vitae, but this form also asks for certain areas to be summarised. If you have any questions about the form, please do feel free to contact the Clerk, Mrs Gaye Duffy, either by telephone: +44 (0) 1727 822181, or email: [clerk@world-traders.org](mailto:clerk@world-traders.org)

**Form Submission**

When completed, this form should be emailed to the Clerk ([clerk@world-traders.org](mailto:clerk@world-traders.org)), with a cc to your first sponsor and your seconder, accompanied by:

1 – a curriculum vitae of your own choosing (a two or three page ‘work CV’ is fine) which the membership interview panel will use during your interview. The curriculum vitae should provide details of your education, professional qualifications, employment history, voluntary work history, positions held, business associations, awards, publications, and other interests. A ‘job interview’ curriculum vitae is perfectly acceptable, or a relatively detailed LinkedIn profile that can be printed if you feel such describes you appropriately.

2 – a ‘head shot’ photograph file (preferably colour, good resolution .jpg or .png) which you would find acceptable to be placed on the membership database on the Company website should you be admitted to the Company.

**You**

Title of address, e.g. Sir, Professor, Dr, Sir, Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss:



First name:



Middle name(s):



Surname:



Post-nominal letters or initials, e.g. KCB, CBE, MBE, OBE, or academic, e.g. PhD, MSc, BA, if you prefer to use them at formal occasions:



Preferred form of address, e.g. ‘Bill’ or ‘Su’ or nickname – Dear “X”:



Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): dd mm  yyyy

Your nationality(ies):



Country of normal residence:



Mother tongue:



Languages, other than English and proficiency (i.e. basic, intermediate, advanced, fluent), or ‘none’:



Preferred description of occupation or expertise, e.g. “accountant”, “medical doctor”, “diplomat” (please not “director”, be more specific):



Female:  Male:

**Contact Details**

Home Address:



Postcode:



Country:



Present employer: 

Title/position: 

Work Address:



Postcode:



Country:



Preferred address for correspondence:

Home  Work

email: 

Home Tel: 

Mobile Tel: 

Office Tel: 

Fax: 

Twitter\*: 

LinkedIn\*: 

\*The Company uses Twitter and LinkedIn for prompt communication and we would encourage you to register.

**Career**

Brief career history or precis (no more than 250 words) which we will be looking to use as a profile in future to describe you to the Court for admission and later to others within the Company:



Special interests you might wish to highlight, e.g. charitable, sporting, intellectual (again, briefly):



**You & World Trade**

The Company motto “commerce and honest friendship with all” was taken from Thomas Jefferson's inaugural Presidential speech. The Company is diverse and recognises that people involved in trade, in its broadest sense, include exporters & importers, securities professionals, commodities traders, shippers, academics, diplomats, researchers, journalists, economists, translators, civil servants, trade bodies, and others. Could you please set out your personal interest in world trade below (no more than 250 words)?



Have you attended any World Traders’ events?

Yes  No  (If no, we would strongly suggest you do so before submitting this application)

If yes, which – Tacitus lecture(s), Tacitus debate(s), business luncheons, Installation Dinner, Election Dinner, Thanksgiving Service & Summer Lunch, Carol Service & Supper, Prospective Members’ Evening, Little Ship Club drinks, other – and please do share any views on the events?



Have you been made aware of livery protocol for events, e.g. dress codes?

Yes:  No:  (we will arrange with your sponsor to ensure you are given the information you need)

Have you been made aware of the etiquette of doing business with fellow livery members?

Yes:  No:  (we will arrange with your sponsor to ensure you are given the information you need)

The World Trader community revolves around commerce, fellowship, and charity. Why do you wish to be a World Trader, and what might you bring to the Company (no more than 250 words)?



World Traders, somewhat naturally, believe in reciprocity. What would you expect to get from membership of the Company, i.e. what could the community do for you (no more than 250 words)?



Do you feel you are sufficiently aware of the lifetime commitment to a livery company; the costs of joining and maintaining membership (i.e. the ‘quarterage’ and ‘fines’); the expectation of reasonably regular attendance at Company events; and the expectation to support within your capabilities the Company’s Charitable Trust on an annual basis?

Yes:  No:  (we will arrange with your sponsor to ensure you are given the information you need)

**You & The City Of London**

Our Company is part of the ‘livery movement’, i.e. the 110 livery companies of the City of London. Part of the fellowship of the Company is to be part of the fellowship of the City. You will acquire experience of this as a member, but you may wish to ensure you have researched some background prior to your interview (‘web’ background is likely to be sufficient).

Are you, by any chance,…

Already a Freeman of the City of London?

Yes:  Year of Admission:  (if you don’t remember we can look it up)

No:

Already a member of another Livery or City company or companies?

Yes, if so which: 

No:

A member of a City of London ward club or clubs?

Yes, if so which: 

No:

Have you read the Constitution, Ordinances and Bye-laws of the Worshipful Company of World Traders - <http://www.world-traders.org/members/downloads/newCharter.pdf> ?

Yes:

No:

**Sponsors**

You need two sponsors. One must be a liveryman of the Company and the other must be a member of the Court of the Company. Before you submit this form you and your sponsors should have firm arrangements with each other. Please do confirm, in advance, with your first and second sponsor that they are prepared to support your application. The Clerk will confirm with your sponsors that they have agreed.

First Sponsor:



How many years have you known your first sponsor? 

Second Sponsor:



How many years have you known your second sponsor? 

Other information – any other comments or special points you might wish to make to ensure that your application is properly evaluated?



**DECLARATION & CONFIRMATION**

If elected, I hereby solemnly and sincerely Declare and Affirm that I shall abide by and observe the Constitution, Ordinances and Bye-laws of the Worshipful Company of World Traders, support and assist the Master, Wardens, Assistants and my fellow freemen in the furtherance of the Company’s aims and objectives in connection with world trading in all its aspects, and uphold the ancient law and customs of the City of London.

I confirm that I am not an undischarged bankrupt, and that I have not been convicted of a criminal offence. (*Note: Applicants need not disclose convictions which are spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974*.)

Signature (electronically type your name for now will do – you will be expected to provide a handwritten signature at your interview):



Date: dd mm  yyyy