



Membership Application

Worshipful Company of World Traders

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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 take a look at our website – www.world-traders.org.

About This Application Form

Please provide the following:

1. Complete the application form at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WorldTradeApplicationForm>
2. Submit to the Clerk (clerk@world-traders.org), with a cc to your first sponsor and your seconder, accompanied by:
 - a. Short curriculum vitae (preferably no more than two or three pages), which the membership interview panel will use during your interview. This should provide details of your education, professional qualifications, employment history, voluntary work history, positions held in the past 10 years, business associations, awards, publications, and other interests. A relatively detailed LinkedIn profile that can be printed may be used if you feel such describes you appropriately.
 - b. A recent 'headshot' photograph file (preferably in 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.

Journeyman Membership

Journeyman membership is for those aged 18-27. Any Journeyman aged 21 or over can apply at any time to become a Freeman of the Company. At the age of 27 Journeymen will normally be invited to take the Freedom and if they do not do so will be deemed to have resigned. Journeyman membership will not be offered to anyone over the age of 25.

A Journeyman is welcome to attend all events organised by the Company at their own cost, except for those events restricted to Freemen and Liverymen

Timetable

Thursday, 7 September 2023	Last date for receipt of application forms from sponsors.
Thursday, 14 September 2023	Interview with Membership committee. Interviews to be held at Guildhall, EC2.
Tuesday, 3 October 2023	Suitable candidates recommended by the Membership Committee to the Court for approval. Candidates are NOT required to attend on this day.
Written notification of results notified to candidates as soon as possible after this Court meeting.	
Monday, 30 October 2023	New World Traders invited to attend Court meeting to be formally admitted as Journeymen of the Company

(Should you not be able to meet the timetable described above, then the next group of membership applications will be dealt with at the Committee and Court meetings taking place approximately three months later, and if you require dates of these meetings please contact the Clerk.)

Admission ceremonies (to be formally admitted as a Journeyman) normally take place at meetings before the four major events in the calendar: the Installation Dinner in October, the Members' Dinner in January, the Election Dinner in April and the Thanksgiving Service and Summer Lunch in June. The exact dates are to be found on the website.

You will note from the above that it may take up to six months, or longer, between first making your application and becoming a Journeyman. You will, however, be welcome to attend Company events from the time your application and has been received.

Financial Commitment

A note for potential new Journeymen of the Company

The purposes of a Livery Company may be summarised as follows:

1. The furtherance of their trade or craft
2. Fellowship
3. Charitable

The Worshipful Company of World Traders achieves the first two of these with a full programme of events, both social and educational, and the first and last through a Trust fund which is used to support charities or educational institutions which have courses or connections with world trade.

Part of the Company's purpose is to help develop the skills needed for engagement with the outside world. Journeymen are very welcome to take part in these charitable activities.

Subscriptions

1. **Quarterage.** This is effectively the annual membership fee, which falls due on 1st October each year. It is subject to review by the Court in July each year and in subsequent years you will be asked to pay by direct debit.

Quarterage for the year 2023/2024

£70 per annum reduced to £68 if paid by Direct Debit or bank transfer.

1. Any Journeyman who wishes to be admitted as a Freeman can apply to do so from the age of 21. A further interview will be required at that stage. When a Journeyman is admitted as a Freeman, their Freedom fine (currently £250) will be reduced by the quarterage payments they have already made.

3. **Events.** The Company organises a number of events each year, and at many of these guests are particularly welcome. They range from modest refreshment, perhaps after a church service or lecture, to the annual Installation Banquet and Election Dinner. Members pay for the events they choose to attend and, of course, for their guests. The exception is the annual World Traders' Tacitus Lecture, which is paid for by the Company.