



Membership Application

Journeyman of the 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.

Journeyman membership is for those aged 18-27. 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

About This Application Form

The application and interview forms for admission as a Journeyman to the Worshipful Company of World Traders are 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.

These are then used to arrange your membership interview. If you have any questions about the form, please do feel free to contact the Clerk, Ms Liz Garner, either by telephone: +44 (0) 7377 712 741, or email: clerk@world-traders.org

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 sponsor and your seconder, accompanied by:
 - a. 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.

Timetable

Joining:

There is a four-stage process to joining the Worshipful Company of World Traders, your attendance is only required for the first and last stage:

1. After submitting your application, you will be invited to attend an interview with the membership committee.
2. Following your interview the membership committee will consider your application and if approved will forward to Court (the governing body of The Worshipful Company of World Traders)
3. Members of the Court of The Worshipful Company of World Traders consider your application and if approved will invite you to attend the next Court meeting for admission into the Company.
4. You will attend a court meeting to be formally admitted into the Company. Court meetings for Admission normally take place prior to the four major Company events (but occasionally may be at other times) - 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.

Court meetings take place approximately every three months, so you should be aware 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 has been received.

Financial Commitment

A note for potential new members 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. All require money.

Subscriptions:

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

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 they must make a payment called a Freedom Fine. The Freedom fine (currently £250 for those aged 35 or under) will be reduced by the quarterage payments the Journeyman has already made.

Gift Aid.

As mentioned, a principal purpose of the Company is charitable and our Company, like most City Livery Companies, has established a Charitable Fund separate from the Company's funds for this purpose. All members are encouraged to make a Gift Aid declaration and banker's order in favour of

the Charitable Fund in whatever sum they can afford. You will be invited to do so on receiving the Freedom of the Company.

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. You may attend events whilst your application is being considered.

Note. If your application is successful, you will be asked for your Quarterage, as outlined above, which will need to be paid before your admission.