



# Rhode Island Hindu Temple Society, Inc. (RIHTS)

(A Non-Profit Organization EIN: 80-0909377)

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## 2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Effective 01/01/2023)

Please familiarize yourself with the membership rules before completing this form. The application form must be completed in full and signed. Fields marked by an \* are required. E-mail addresses collected will be used for RIHTS correspondence and for notification of Temple events only.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please PRINT)

Name:	Last*	First*	MI	Title	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Legal Resident of USA <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Spouse's Name:	Last	First	MI	Title	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Legal Resident of USA <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address	Street*	Apt#	City*	State*	Zip Code*	
Telephone:	(Home)	(Cell)	(Work)	E-mail:		

Please select the membership option for which you are applying:

New  Renew  Upgrade If upgrading, provide current membership category \_\_\_\_\_, and Dues paid so far \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND DUES

Please select the desired membership level

2023 Membership Category	Membership Fee	Payable in
<input type="checkbox"/> 23' Vaarsika Member	\$201	Full
<input type="checkbox"/> 23' Kutumba Member	\$301	Full
<input type="checkbox"/> 23' Kutumba Member + Annadaanam	\$501	Full
<input type="checkbox"/> Gopuram Member	\$1001	6 Months
<input type="checkbox"/>		

- o An Individual or family is limited to one membership at a time.
- o Membership dues paid partially or in full must accompany each membership application.
- o General donations cannot be transferred towards membership dues.
- o Membership dues must be paid in full within the stipulated time.
- o Except for Gopuram membership fees all other membership dues must be paid at the time of the application. In Gopuram membership rest of the dues must be paid within six (6) months.
- o Members in any membership category can upgrade their membership by paying the difference in amount as it exists at the time of upgrade.

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment Included * \$ _____	Payment Method	Cash	Check	CC	Other _____
Please make check payable to: Rhode Island Hindu Temple Society, Inc.	Cash payments in excess of \$10,000 will not be accepted	A new applicant becomes member only after approval by the board of directors. If the application is not accepted, all dues collected will be returned.			

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

By signing this Membership Form, I/we acknowledge that I/we am/are 18 years of age or older, am/are the legal resident(s) of the USA and have been advised of the rules governing membership to RIHTS. I/we certify that the information provided herein is true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/we affirm my/our firm belief in the Hindu religion, its culture and traditions and pledge to support the mission and the activities of RIHTS. I/we further agree to comply with all applicable rules, terms and provisions of RIHTS as they currently exist or as enacted in the future by the governing body of RIHTS.

Applicant Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR RIHTS USE ONLY – Do not write below this line

Amount Received \$ _____	MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Receipt No# _____	Signature - Membership Committee	PRINT NAME	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	Signature – Board of Director	PRINT NAME	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> CC # _____ Exp: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			

# Membership Privileges

## 2023 Vaarsika Member:

- **Membership Duration:** Yearly
- During year 2023, Annual members will have opportunity to participate in two (2) Samoohika Satyanarayana vratam at the temple at no cost.
- During year 2023, eligibility to become a member of anyone of the following operational committee and provide volunteering service. But not eligible to chair or vice-chair a committee.
  - Events Committee
  - Religious Committee
  - Front Desk & Reception

## 2023 Kutumba Member:

- **Membership Duration:** Yearly
- During year 2023, Annual members will have opportunity to perform one (1) pooja **at the temple** at no cost, like Abhishekam **OR** Satyanarayana Vratam on your family event, either one of the family member birthday or wedding anniversary.
- During year 2023, eligibility to become a member of anyone of the following operational committee and provide volunteering service. But not eligible to chair or vice-chair any committee.
  - Events Committee
  - Religious Committee
  - Front Desk & Reception

## 2023 Kutumba Member + Annadaanam:

- **Membership Duration:** Yearly
- During year 2023, Annual members will have opportunity to perform one (1) pooja **at the temple** at no cost, like Abhishekam **OR** Satyanarayana Vratam on your family event, either one of the family member birthday or wedding anniversary.
- Temple provides Annadanam to Devotees on donor name, on one of the major event or festival day at the temple.
- During year 2023, eligibility to become a member of anyone of the following operational committee and provide volunteering service. But not eligible to chair or vice-chair any committee.
  - Events Committee
  - Religious Committee
  - Front Desk & Reception

## Gopuram Member:

- **Membership Duration:** Lifetime
- One name will be engraved on "Gopuram shaped member plaque" that will be displayed prominently in the temple
- For initial five (5) years, member can participate in one (1) Samoohika Satyanarayana vratam and one (1) Abhishekam on scheduled services day at temple at no cost.
- Eligibility to be part of **ONLY** Executive Council team or Chair or Vice-chair one of the below committees **after two years of service** in any of the following temple's operational committees.
  - Events Committee
  - Religious Committee
  - Front Desk & Reception
- Membership will be invalidated, if the amount is not paid in full in six months from the date of initial application.
- To become part of the board member, member must upgrade membership and all temple by-laws will be applicable.
- Member gets right to vote for board elections after completion of one (1) year active membership.

\* Archanas and special pooja can be availed any day with the exception of special temple event days. These are non-transferable.

\*\*All above memberships will adhere to temple by-laws

\*\*\* For any questions on memberships, reach out to membership committee on [membership@rihts.org](mailto:membership@rihts.org) or 559-690-3542 or 401-338-9391