

BRITISH COLUMBIA HUMANIST ASSOCIATION

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MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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Membership Applications

1. Any individual who agrees to uphold the constitution, bylaws, the Statement of Values and Principles and policies of the BC Humanist Association may apply for membership in the BCHA. By submitting an application, an individual attests to having read and agreed to these documents.
2. Applications must be made in writing either online or by a completed application form (see Appendix) mailed to the BCHA's registered address. Applications must be accompanied by the relevant membership dues.
3. The executive director will present a list of recent applications for membership to the Board at each regular board meeting during an *in camera* session. The Board will decide by majority vote whether to accept or reject membership applications.
4. Until a membership application is accepted by the Board, it is pending. An individual with a pending membership does not have any of the rights or privileges of a member.
5. After being accepted by the Board, the membership will be considered to have started on the application date.

Membership Dues

6. Membership dues may be paid annually or monthly.
7. A membership paid annually is current for 12 months from the date it is accepted. A membership paid monthly is current until one month after the last payment is received. A Life membership does not expire.
8. Minimum membership dues, effective April 19, 2019, are \$10 annually or \$3 per month.
9. Applications for life memberships are closed.
10. The Board may consider a request in writing to waive dues in cases of financial hardship.
11. If an individual's membership is rejected, the BCHA will refund any dues paid within 15 days.

Membership Rights and Privileges

12. By joining the British Columbia Humanist Association, members will receive:
- a copy of the BCHA's Constitution, Bylaws, Statement of Values and Principles and links to current policies by email;
 - access to the BCHA members' site;
 - a BC Humanist Association email, free to use in accordance with the members' email policy;
 - email updates from the BCHA (otherwise available free of charge);
 - the right to notice of, and attendance at, general meetings of the BCHA;
 - consistent with the BCHA's bylaws and policies, the right to vote at members' meetings and in elections for the Board of Directors;
 - a tax receipt for the full value of any membership dues paid; and
 - the knowledge that they are helping build the Humanist community in BC and supporting campaigns for secular and progressive values.

Membership Termination

13. Memberships are automatically terminated if not paid within six months of their renewal date. After a membership is terminated, an individual may make a new application membership.
14. The Board may terminate an individual's membership in accordance with the bylaws.



**BC HUMANIST
ASSOCIATION**
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Full name: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone number (optional): _____

Membership: Minimum \$10
 Additional donation: \$ _____

We welcome donations above the cost of membership and will issue a tax receipt for the full value of your contribution.

By signing, I agree (check each):

- that I have read and will uphold the constitution, bylaws, the Statement of Values and Principles and policies of the BC Humanist Association;
- that my name may be released to other members in accordance with the *Societies Act* and the bylaws of the BCHA; and
- that the BCHA may contact me at my email or mailing address.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Make a cheque out to “BC Humanist Association” and send with this completed form to:
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Or pay with a credit card online at <https://www.bchumanist.ca/join>
Recurring monthly memberships can be purchased online only.