



2015 Membership Application

Annual Dues *(Please check one)*

City/County Population	Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Under 5,000	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> 5,000-10,000	\$290
<input type="checkbox"/> 10,000-25,000	\$415
<input type="checkbox"/> 25,000-50,000	\$580
<input type="checkbox"/> 50,000-100,000	\$765
<input type="checkbox"/> 100,000-300,000	\$970
<input type="checkbox"/> 300,000-500,000	\$1,300
<input type="checkbox"/> 500,000-1,000,000	\$1,800
<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000,000 and above	\$2,150

Please send your completed application to info@sistercities.org or mail to:
Sister Cities International, 915 15th Street NW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC, 20005

Community Information

City/County _____ State _____ Population size _____

Does your city currently have a sister city? Yes No

City Contact Information

Salutation _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Title _____ Phone number _____ Email address _____

Primary Contact Information

Salutation _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____ Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip code _____ Phone number _____ Email address _____

Are you a city employee? Yes No

If not, please enter your city's contact information in the box above.

Billing information *(if different from primary contact information)*

Salutation _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____ Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip code _____ Phone number _____ Email address _____

Do you need an invoice? Yes No

Payment Method Check (make payable to Sister Cities International) Visa MasterCard American Express

Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ CC Security Code _____ Cardholder Name _____

Cardholder Signature _____



2015 Member Benefits

Sister Cities International supports private citizens, local organizations, and municipal officials who conduct exchanges and activities under the umbrella of the sister cities movement. Every day, we strengthen and grow the sister cities network by providing support to our members through programs, grants, services, and networking opportunities.

Your Switchboard to the World

- **Sister Cities Networking:** At Sister Cities International, we believe in peer-to-peer learning. Want to host a youth exchange? Lead a business delegation? We can connect you with other experienced members for an exchange of ideas to help you find solutions.
- **Connect with the Diplomatic Corps:** Sister Cities International works closely with the U.S. Department of State and its diplomats as well as foreign embassies in the U.S. Let us connect you with the right officials and help you get the answers and support you need.
- **Annual Membership Directory:** Be featured in the Annual Directory, Sister Cities International's flagship publication! This listing of all member cities and their partnerships is distributed to our entire network, municipal and federal governments, and the diplomatic community.

Programs and Services

- **Cities Seeking Cities:** Looking for a sister city? Our Cities Seeking Cities program provides you with dedicated staff assistance and the necessary connections to municipal officials, twinning organizations, and the diplomatic community to help you find a partner city.
- **Governance and Policy Services:** Confused about how to start a sister city organization, structure your bylaws, or establish other policies to lay the foundation for a sister city program? We will guide you at every step as you establish and grow your partnerships.
- **Young Artists & Authors Showcase:** Open to all youth in member cities, the Showcase is a chance for them to submit artwork, essays, and poems inspired by an annual theme. Winners receive cash prizes and top entries tour the U.S.
- **High School Homestay:** This exchange program enables member cities to host high school students for a year or semester. We assist with processing exchange visas for the youth and makes it a simple and rewarding experience for students and host families.
- **Annual Awards:** The Awards highlight sister city programming excellence in a number of competitive categories and programmatic areas.

Telling Your Story

- **Share Your Story:** Let us tell your story to the world. We publicize your success through website articles, social media, press outreach.
- **Member Profiles:** Show off your sister city program with a customizable member profile as well as profiles for all of your sister city partnerships.
- **Event & Delegation Promotion:** Need help promoting an upcoming inbound or outbound delegation? We can help spread the word through targeted emails, social media, and press outreach.
- **Crisis Communications & Media Relations:** International events can catch any communications team off guard. We can guide you on how to effectively represent your program in times of crisis or controversy. Our media partnerships and media outreach can ensure that your activities get the attention they deserve.

Providing Resources that Matter

- **Visa Consultations:** Worried about an upcoming delegation? Get pro bono consultations from immigration lawyers for questions regarding inbound delegations or visa applications.
- **Insurance:** Get access to discounted traveler's insurance for individuals or groups through Sister Cities International's partnership with International Medical Group (IMG).
- **Medical Services:** Sister Cities International has teamed up with Passport Health to provide members with discounted immunizations and other medical services.
- **Certificates:** Commemorate a new sister cities partnership or anniversary with our custom-made certificates.
- **Toolkits and Templates:** Get access to handy guidelines, templates, and best practices for exchanges, policies, and other topics relevant to sister city program development.
- **Grants Database:** Sister Cities International provides members with information on opportunities from private foundations and public organizations to help you find resources to expand your program.
- **Webinars:** Build key skills and hear from experts in our webinar series. Topics include grant-writing, fundraising, and volunteer recruitment.