

Application for Associate Member (SF03)

SPUVIC objectives and purposes

- To create a lasting platform where members and their offspring can nurture and cherish the values of 'Sanatana Dharma' and the Bengali heritage, language, arts, and cultures in Victoria.
- To regularly organise various Puja as per Vedic rituals with highest purity.
- To celebrate other Bengali festivals and regularly organise various socio-cultural programs.
- To promote respectful relationships among community members for maintaining enduring communal harmony.
- To establish own facilities in Victoria for performing and celebrating religious and cultural festivals and events.
- To assist overseas students and new arrivals of similar background in settling in Victoria.

SPUVIC founding principles

- All Puja shall be performed by Dr Jagannath Chatterjee, or his nominated priest or by a priest chosen with seventy-five percent life members' support.
- Celebration of Bengali festivals, cultural programs and other relevant events shall be chosen with seventy-five percent life members' support.
- All Puja, festivals and cultural events must be 'Sarbojanin' and therefore shall be open to members and non-members alike.
- Performance in cultural programs shall be limited to members only for nurturing new generation of performers and promoting talents within the community. For exceptional circumstances, external professional performers may be hired with MC' approval.
- Venues for Puja, festivals and other events including potential location for establishing own facilities shall be chosen with seventy-five percent life members' support.
- Always practice rules based management of the SPUVIC organisation for maintaining Australian democratic norms in the community.

SPUVIC code of conduct and behaviour

A primary goal of SPUVIC community is to be inclusive to achieve the above objectives and to create safe and positive experiences for everyone participating in SPUVIC organisation and events.

The SPUVIC code of conduct outlines our expectations for all those who participate in our community, puja and events, as well as the consequences for unacceptable behaviour.

Please download and read the full '**Code of Conduct and Behaviour**' document from www.spuvic.org. Always follow the event-specific code of conduct displayed at event's venue.

Eligibility for associate membership

Any individual who meets the following criteria is eligible to apply for SPUVIC membership:

- 1) Temporary resident of Australia and currently residing in Victoria as a student or with work permit
- 2) Aged 18 years or above.
- 3) Supports the objectives and founding principles of the association and agrees to abide by the rules, code of conducts and to perform the duties stipulated in the SPUVIC Constitution.
- 4) Agrees to pay annual membership fees of \$20 and renew membership annually. A separate subscription for all annual Puja and events will apply that will be announced on yearly basis.

Benefits, incentives and rights

- ✓ Members including their children will be eligible to perform in cultural programs, art and other competitions and in any other SPUVIC events.
- ✓ Allows members to actively participate and apply their skills and passions in organizing various Puja and cultural events and provides opportunity in making friendship with fellow members.
- ✓ Convenience of paying only one-off subscription per year, which will allow member family's participation and enjoyment of all Puja and events.
- ✓ Annual subscription will be cheaper (discounted) in compare to paying separately each time at each event as a guest.
- ✓ Will NOT have voting rights, but will have rights to be member of selective management and special committees to be determined by the Management Committee.

[Associate membership with Sarbojanin Puja Utsav of Victoria Inc (SPUVIC) is on individual person basis. Each spouse of a family, their parents and each of their child of 18 years and above shall fill in and lodge a separate.]

A. Applicant's details

A1. Residency status: student visa work permit temporary resident visa

A2. Title: Mr Mrs Ms Dr

A3. First name:

Middle name:

Last name (surname):

A4. Names of children (below 18 years):
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A5. Residence street address:
....., VIC

A6. Land phone: (.....) A7. Mobile phone:

A8. Email address:

B. Consent

- B1. I consent to use my personal details for carrying out SPUVIC activities including communicating with me about SPUVIC organisation, events and community news.
- B2. I consent to disclose or distribute my personal details including the email address only to SPUVIC authorised external organisation and to other members of SPUVIC: YES NO

I, hereby, solemnly declare that I meet all the membership eligibility criteria; have read and understood the objectives and founding principles; totally agree to abide by the rules and code of conduct & behaviour; and commit to perform member's duties stipulated in the Constitution.

Signature of applicant: Date of application:

C. Reference details (Requires two references, any current SPUVIC's Life Member or Full Member):

C1. Name: Signature:, Date:

C2. Name: Signature:, Date:

For SPUVIC Management Committee's use only:

Membership number: AM-.....	Date of approval:
Approver signature:, President, SPUVIC MC	
....., Secretary, SPUVIC MC	