



## INDIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MINNESOTA

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## Membership Policy

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### 1. Purpose

The India Chamber of Commerce MN ("Chamber") is a nonprofit corporation organized under Minnesota law and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(6) nonprofit business league. The Chamber exists to promote the common business interests of its members and to advance commerce, trade, and professional growth in Minnesota.

This Membership Policy establishes eligibility, criteria, and procedures for admission, retention, and termination of members.

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### 2. Eligibility

Membership in the Chamber is a privilege, not a right. It is open exclusively to:

- Corporate Members: For-profit corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, and other business entities legally registered to conduct business; and
- Professional Members: Individuals employed in director-level, senior management, executive, or equivalent leadership roles within a for-profit business entity. Proof of title or role may be requested as part of the application process.

The following entities are not eligible for membership:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Government bodies and agencies
- Institutions or associations not engaged in commerce or trade

Such entities may engage with the Chamber through sponsorships, partnerships, or event collaborations, but shall not be admitted as members.



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### 3. Criteria for Membership

To be considered for membership, applicants must:

1. Demonstrate that they are engaged in commerce or professional trade within Minnesota.
2. Be in good standing in the business community, including compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards.
3. Maintain a reputation for integrity and professionalism. Conduct that, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, is inconsistent with the mission, values, or best interests of the Chamber may be grounds for denial of an application.
4. Agree to abide by the bylaws, policies, and decisions of the Chamber.

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### 4. Application and Approval

1. All applicants must submit a completed membership application in the form prescribed by the Chamber.
2. Applications shall remain pending until reviewed by the Board of Directors or its designee.
3. The Chamber, in its sole discretion, may approve or deny any application for membership.
4. The Chamber is under no obligation to provide reasons or explanations for any denial of membership.
5. Submission of an application and payment of dues does not guarantee membership. If an application is denied, any dues submitted will be refunded.



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### 5. Membership in Good Standing and Conduct

A member is considered in good standing if:

- All dues, fees, and financial obligations to the Chamber are current.
- The member continues to meet eligibility and membership criteria.
- The member maintains a reputation for integrity, professionalism, and constructive conduct within the business community.
- The member has not engaged in behavior deemed, in the sole judgment of the Board of Directors, disruptive, unethical, or inconsistent with the mission, values, or best interests of the Chamber.

Failure to maintain good standing or engaging in misconduct may result in suspension or revocation of membership. The Chamber reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to take such action without obligation to provide reasons or explanations.

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### 6. Non-Transferability

Membership is personal to the approved entity or individual and is non-transferable and non-assignable.

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### 7. Amendments

This Membership Policy may be amended, modified, or repealed at any time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

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### 8. Tax Status and Dues Disclaimer

The India Chamber of Commerce Minnesota (ICOCHM) is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit business association under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.



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Membership dues, sponsorships, and related payments are not tax-deductible as charitable contributions under IRC Section 170(c). Such payments may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses, subject to applicable IRS rules and individual circumstances. Members are encouraged to consult their tax advisor regarding deductibility.