

Application for Member (SF02)

To apply for membership, complete all required applicant and family details, confirm your agreement with SPUVIC's objectives, founding principles, Constitution, and codes of conduct, and submit the form with the applicable fees. Membership is subject to approval in accordance with the Constitution.

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 by special resolution of a general meeting of the Association.
- Celebration of Bengali festivals, cultural programs and other relevant events shall be determined by special resolution of a general meeting of the Association.
- 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's approval.
- Venue location for Puja, festivals and other events including potential location for establishing own facilities shall be determined by special resolution of a general meeting of the Association.
- Practice rules-based management of the SPUVIC organisation for maintaining Australian democratic norms in the community.

SPUVIC Code of Conduct and Behaviour

SPUVIC aims to build an inclusive community that advances these objectives and provides safe, positive experiences for everyone involved in its organisation and events.

The SPUVIC Code of Conduct sets expectations for everyone participating in the community, Puja, and other events, and explains the consequences of unacceptable behaviour.

Please download and read the full '**Code of Conduct and Behaviour**' from www.spuvic.org. You must also follow any event-specific code of conduct displayed at the venue.

Eligibility for Membership

An individual may apply for membership of SPUVIC if they meet all the following criteria:

1. They are an Australian citizen or permanent resident and currently reside in Victoria.
2. They are at least 18 years old.
3. They agree to support the Association's objectives and founding principles and to comply with its Constitution, rules, Code of Conduct and Behaviour, and any duties applicable to members.
4. They agree to pay the annual membership fee and the applicable Puja and event subscription fee, and to renew their membership each year by 31 August.

Members Benefits and Rights

- Members and their children are eligible to participate in cultural programs, art competitions, and other SPUVIC events.
- Members can contribute their skills, interests, and time by helping organise Puja, cultural programs, and other events while connecting with fellow members.
- One annual subscription covers the member family's participation in Puja and other events throughout the year.
- Members may vote on all matters and decisions and, subject to the Constitution, may be eligible to serve on management committees, special committees, and other constitutional bodies.

[Membership of Sarbojanin Puja Utsav of Victoria Inc (SPUVIC) is granted on an individual basis. Each spouse, their parents and each child aged 18 years or over must complete and submit a separate application.]

A. Applicant's details

A1. Residency status: ☐ Australian citizen ☐ Permanent Australian resident

A2. Title: ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Dr

A3. First name:

Middle name:

Last name (surname):

A4. Names of children (below 18 years):

A5. Residence street address:

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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 organisations 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 and behaviour; and commit to perform Member's duties stipulated in the Constitution.

Signature of applicant: Date of application:

C. Reference details (Requires two references of SPUVIC's current members):

C1. Name: Signature: Date:

C2. Name: Signature: Date:

For SPUVIC Management Committee's use only:

Membership number: M-..... Date of approval:

Approver signature:, President, SPUVIC MC

....., Secretary, SPUVIC MC