



Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert

P.O. Box 5506, Palm Springs, CA 92263

Associate Membership Application

New Member Pledge Protocol

The PSLOD is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 membership organization with a charitable mission. In order to meet its mission; we welcome new prospective members to get to know our organization and its members and purpose and to consider joining PSLOD.

We currently have two types of memberships; a Full Member with voting rights, and an Associate Member without voting rights, but with membership privileges and with no participation or meeting attendance requirements.

To become a Full Member or an Associate Member, any prospective pledge should start with attending meetings and volunteering, as well as securing a Sponsor(s) for your application for membership, if they don't already have one. It is important that Pledges get to know members and that they decide if being a member of PSLOD is the right fit for them prior to submitting an application for membership.

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Sponsors (list 5) _____

Why do you want to join PSLOD:

How many Membership Meetings have you attended, if any? _____

Have you volunteered for PSLOD? Yes: _____. No: _____

If yes, how many times: _____

List when and where you volunteered:

I have read and agree to the Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert Code of Conduct, its Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, to subscribe to the ideals of the Leather Creed - Trust, Honor and Respect - and strive to embody them my daily life.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(All membership information is confidential and restricted to official PSLOD club use as approved by the Board of Directors and shall not be released without the Member's Permission)

Associate Member Pledge Process:

An Associate Member is designed for those who are in the Coachella Valley only part time, as well as for those who are unable to regularly attend meetings.

- 1) To become an Associate Member, a Pledge must have five Full Members sign on as their Sponsors.
 - a) These Full Members Sponsors can be listed on the Application or sent via email to the Pledge Master after submission of the Application.
 - b) Sponsors must have been a member of PSLOD for at least nine (9) months before they are able to sponsor a new member.
- 2) An Associate Member Pledge must submit their completed application listing the five (5) Sponsors and pay the \$30 annual membership dues before approval by the Pledge Master.
- 3) Associate Members may:
 - a) Attend meetings and functions of PSLOD
 - b) Wear the Colors of PSLOD as approved by the Board for Associate Members, these may be different than those of Full Members.
 - c) Serve on Committees and Chair Committees as appointed by the Board of Directors
 - d) PSLOD Patch packages for Associate Members may be purchased for \$40.00 along with dues payment, or at any time after becoming Associate Members.
 - e) Receive other membership benefits as provided through Board Approval