



**CORE MEMBER APPLICATION FOR
CHICAGO CULTURAL ALLIANCE (ALLIANCE)**
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Criteria for Core Membership

- Organization must operate as a community-based ethnic museum, cultural center, or historical society in the six county metropolitan Chicago region
- Organization must demonstrate how it connects its community's history with contemporary life
- Organization must be willing to develop and participate in cross-cultural collaborations
- Organization must have federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or be waiting for approval
- Organization must demonstrate an active board whose members are willing to engage with the Alliance

Note: Core Membership is currently capped at 35 organizations. Therefore, the Membership Committee will take into consideration how the organization applying would help the Alliance achieve balance in ethnic representation, organizational capacity, and project opportunities.

If you have any questions contact the membership committee co-chairs:

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Date of application: _____

Organization name: _____

Contact person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

General Information

1. Core Members must hold federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Are you incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization? If not, have you applied for this status? Please provide the effective date of this status or the date that your application was submitted.

Yes (date) _____ No (date of application) _____

2. Core Members are ethnically based organizations. What ethnic group(s) does your organization represent?

- a. The Alliance seeks to achieve a balance in ethnic representation and, in submitting grant proposals, we are often asked to describe the ethnic population of our Core Members. Please check the most appropriate category(ies).

African or African American	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian, South Asian, or Pacific Islander	European	Latino or Caribbean	Middle Eastern	Other (specify)

- b. How many people do you serve on an annual basis?

- c. What is the population of your ethnic group in the Chicago region?

3. Briefly describe your organization.

4. Please provide your mission statement.

5. In addition to the ethnic group(s) that you represent, do you provide services or programs to other ethnic groups? If yes, please explain what other groups you serve and how you serve them?

6. As described in the MOU, there is an expectation that your organization will be regularly represented at Alliance meetings. Who will be the primary liaison from your executive staff? From your board of directors?

7. What are your community's greatest strengths? Greatest challenges?

8. List the three things that your organization does best. List the three greatest challenges for your organization.

9. How does your organization address your community's challenges?

10. How did you first learn about the Alliance?

11. How does your organization's mission align with the mission of the Alliance?

12. What do you hope to accomplish by joining the Alliance?

13. What is your understanding of creating social change and public understanding of cultural diversity? Why is it important to your organization?

14. Are you interested in participating in current programs with the Alliance and its Core Members and Partner Institutions? If so, which programs?

15. What will your organization contribute to the Alliance and its members?

For Membership Committee:

Date of meeting with Membership Committee: _____

Membership Committee recommendation: Yes _____ No _____

Date of recommendation to board of directors: _____

Board vote for membership: Yes _____ No _____

Date letter of acceptance and dues invoice were sent by Alliance office: _____

Date signed MOU and check were received: MOU _____ Check _____