



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

On behalf of everyone here at Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York, Inc., thank you so much for your interest in becoming a member. We know that those with an interest in being a leadership volunteer have many choices. In our community, there are an array of remarkable organizations engaged in the important work of making our world a better place. We are humbled knowing that you are interested in us.

The following application offers us an opportunity to know more about you, your skills, attributes and what you would bring to our organization. It also gives you a sense of what matters to us in any member candidate.

The goal of our process is to determine if we are a good fit for each other – your level of commitment and ability to deliver on our expectations so that we are confident that you can help us to increase the scope and impact of our work. On the other side, we want to know what motivates you and how you think about our organization so that we can help to create an excellent membership experience for you.

Thank you again for your interest in our work and for taking the time to complete this application with thought and care. We look forward to reviewing it with that same level of thought and care and to continuing our conversations.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Name
- Address
- Home Number
- Work Number
- Mobile Number
- Email Address
- Employer
- Employer Address
- Type of Business / Organization
- Preferred Method of Contact:  Work  Mobile  Home

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Past and Present Membership:

Boards, committees, task forces in the public sector (business, civic, community, religious, political, professional, recreational or social)

Organization	Role/Title	Date of Service

Other Volunteer Experience:

**WHY?**

Those committed to volunteering in a leadership capacity have an abundance of organizations to choose from. We are most appreciative of your interest in ours and would like to hear more. Why our organization and not any other? Please share your motivation and what it is about our work that has led you to raise your hand to be a leading ambassador for us.

**OUR WORK**

What excites you about the work of our organization?

What do you see as 1-2 challenges and 1-2 opportunities for us in the next few years?

**SKILLS / EXPERTISE**

Please mark the skills and expertise you will bring to us that will strengthen and enhance the ability of our organization to deliver on its mission.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reading/ Understanding budgets and balance sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Relations / Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Expertise	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Speaking / Presentations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accounting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Event Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR / Administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strategic Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Web Design
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Nonprofit Experience	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Real Estate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Investment Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	Language Fluency Specify:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Specify:

**[NOTE: ADD ANY OTHER SKILLS OR EXPERTISE THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR OUR PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION.]**

## ATTRIBUTES

Membership to an organization is more than a collection of individuals. It is an entity that governs, approves strategy and engages in robust discussion and debate on relevant issues. It must act as a single entity. As such, the personality traits you bring as a member will help us to ensure that we have a diversity of personality styles and traits that, when added to our current members, will enhance the ability of the members to work together.

- Collaborative
- Respectful of varying points of view
- Willing and able to lead a discussion
- Facilitative style
- Enthusiastic
- Comfortable speaking in front of groups
- Manages time well
- Optimistic
- Responsive
- Strong work ethic
- Good sense of humor
- Asks tough questions with respect

**NOTE:** ADD TO THIS LIST OTHER ATTRIBUTES YOU BELIEVE ARE KEY TO OUR ORGANIZATION'S SUCCESS

## FUNDRAISING

Among other responsibilities, members play a key role in raising funds for our organization. It is an expectation of membership service that you will introduce people in your sphere of influence to our work and invite them and do more – as prospective volunteers, members, staff and as donors. Our organization commits to providing you with the information and tools necessary for you to stand as a vocal and visible ambassador for our work.

Further, we expect every member to make an annual financial commitment for each year of service. Our minimum member gift is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Can you speak to your level of comfort with this expectation?

**TIME**

Member service is a true commitment of time and energy. We estimate that member service could be a commitment of 5 to 15 hours each month. In addition, we ask for your attendance at special events hosted by DICPNY and/or DICPNY supporters.

Do you have any concerns or potential conflicts that may serve as impediments to this time commitment? If so, how will you manage the demands on your time?

**OTHER**

Who recommended you to this organization?

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Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty or plead no contest to a crime? (If yes, please explain)?

Please identify at least two references we can speak with.

Name	Relationship	Best Contact (Telephone or Email)

**RESUME**

Please attach your most recent resume and / or professional bio.