

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COUNTRIES



An Association of Christian Business and Professional Men

## Section I. PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) (First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/Apt. Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City/Town) (Postal Code) (Country)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Preferred Phone Number with Country Code & Area Code) (Alternate Phone Number with Country Code & Area Code)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_  
(Day) (Month) (Year) (Yes/No) (Wife's Name)

## Section II. SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

**A** Do you believe the Bible is the inspired (i.e. infallible & inerrant) Word of God? (II Timothy 3:16)? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God? (John 3:16) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)

Have you received Him as your personal Savior? (Romans 10:9) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)

Do you endeavor to follow Him in your daily life? (Romans 12:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)

Do you believe in the endless lake of fire for the unsaved? (Revelation 20:10-15) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)

Do you accept the Biblical standard of marriage being between one man and one woman? (Genesis 2:24) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)

**B** Are you a layman? (Note: a layman means one who is not generally accepted and recognized as a practicing clergyman, a pastor or a minister of a church, an evangelist, or a missionary.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)

**C** Are you a member in good standing of a church, as your church defines membership? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)

**D** Name of church and denomination (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Church address (print): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address, if known) (City/Town) (Postal Code) (Country)

Church email or web address (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Church phone number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**E** Name of pastor/minister: (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's/minister's phone number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME (Country Code & Area Code) Phone CELL/MOBILE (Country Area Code) Phone

Pastor's/minister's e-mail address (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**F** Have you held previous Gideon membership? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)

If yes, approximate date and your Gideon number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Approximate Date) (Gideon Number)

I am applying for membership in The Gideons International on the basis of my occupation (or that from which I retired) and from which my primary income is derived.

Complete either Section III or IV as applicable.

**Section III. BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS**

**A** The name of my business, or that in which I am involved is:

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(Physical address)

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(City/Town)

(Postal Code)

(Country)

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(Website)

**B** The nature/kind of my business, or that in which I am involved is (brief description of goods/services rendered):

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**C** My title is: \_\_\_\_\_

**D** In the exercise or conduct of your business, would you:

1. Be generally accepted and recognized as a businessman (including proprietor, partner, executive, officer, manager/supervisor/team leader, salesman/buyer/agent, or farmer)? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)
2. Deal with the public? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)
3. Assume responsibility for or influence business-related outcomes? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)
4. Exercise business-related judgments or decisions? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)
5. Have some control over your own time during the business day? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)
6. Employ or supervise personnel? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)

**Section IV. PROFESSIONAL OR INSTITUTIONAL OCCUPATIONS**

**A** My profession is: \_\_\_\_\_

**B** My title is: \_\_\_\_\_

**C** Do you have a related four-year degree or above? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes/No)

Name degree: \_\_\_\_\_ and institution: \_\_\_\_\_

(If answered "yes," go to Section V. Declaration.)

**D** In lieu of a four-year degree, please describe the experience that qualifies you into your profession:

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**E** If you are military, law enforcement, or a government employee, please give rank/grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section V. DECLARATION**

I have prayerfully considered all the preceding questions. I now apply for membership in The Gideons International. I also understand that the Membership Committee must examine this application, along with any other pertinent information, as it has the responsibility of guarding the Association's membership standards. If accepted, I agree to do the work of the ministry according to the policies and guidelines as determined by the International Cabinet of The Gideons International.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 (US currency) Annual Membership OR  \$450.00 (US currency) Life Membership

Payment Options: Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Section VI. SPONSORSHIP**

The information in this section is to be completed only by the sponsor of this applicant.

**A** Source of application for Gideon membership:

- Individual Enlistment    Annual Membership Dinner    Camp Development Plan

**B** I am sponsoring this applicant for the following reasons:

1. Spiritual: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Occupational: (briefly describe type of job, business operation or profession)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT!** Please be sure that all applicable blanks are filled in before application form is submitted.

**C** We the \_\_\_\_\_ Camp recommend this applicant, and confirm the information completed by the applicant in Sections I through IV.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(President Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary Signature)

Assign to Camp: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Camp Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Camp Number)

*(Please tear-off this portion with the Temporary Receipt on back and give to the applicant.)*

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Gideons International is an association of Christian business and professional laymen. It is international in scope and worldwide in outreach. Membership is in The Gideons International, while each member is assigned to a local group called a camp. The camp is more than a fellowship. The need is for men of good report and good standing in their church or fellowship who can participate in the work. Therefore, the standards of the membership need to be kept high.

**THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FROM THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

“The object of the Gideons is to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ, through: (a) the association of Christian business and professional men for service; (b) personal testimony and personal work by individual Gideons; (c) placing the Bible—God’s Holy Word— or portions thereof, in hotels, hospitals, schools, institutions, and also through the distribution of same for personal use.”

“The membership shall consist of business and professional men\*, except clergymen, who believe in the Bible as the inspired Word of God, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God, have received Him as their personal Saviour, endeavor to follow Him in their daily life, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical or Protestant church, congregation or assembly.”

“Any business or professional man who shall qualify under Article 3 of the Constitution, except those engaged in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages, and except those engaged in business the character of which is inconsistent with accepted Christian standards, is eligible for membership in this Association.”

*\*Responsibility for defining these terms for the purpose of Gideon membership is assigned to the International Cabinet under Article 4 of the constitution.*

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**NOTES:**

**CAMP PRESIDENT  
CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Email:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**TEMPORARY RECEIPT**

*(To be given to applicant)*

**Received of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**for Gideon Membership, Date:**

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Sponsoring Gideon)**

*This receipt is given in acknowledgment of advance payment of membership dues. If this application is approved by the International Membership Committee, a membership card and emblem will be issued to you. Otherwise, your payment will be refunded.*

**DO NOT USE THE SPACE BELOW**

*[This information will be completed at International Headquarters.]*

Camp President:                      Credentials Sent:                      Camp Assignment:                      Gideon Number:

**INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Membership Committee of The Gideons International, have examined this application and have taken

action as indicated below:    **ANNUAL**                       **LIFE**

Approved                       Not Approved                       Committee Chairman's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved                       Not Approved                       Committee Member's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved                       Not Approved                       Committee Member's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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