

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Applicant Name:	Phone:
Address:	Email:

1. Are you a member of The Mother Church in Boston, Massachusetts? Yes / No
If Yes, please list the date you were admitted _____
And your ID number _____
2. Are you currently a member of a church of another religious affiliation? Yes / No
3. Have you ever been a member of another Christian Science branch church or society? Yes / No
If so, which one? _____
If so, have you withdrawn your membership from your previous church? Yes / No
4. How long have you been a student of Christian Science?
5. How did you originally learn about Christian Science?
6. Do you know that the use of alcohol, caffeine, tobacco, and drugs, including medicine is not consistent with the teachings of Christian Science? Yes / No
7. Have you had Primary Class instruction¹ in Christian Science? Yes / No
8. Are you in a position to support this church prayerfully and financially? Yes / No
9. Will you be able to support this church by attending services and business meetings and serving on committees and in various positions as needed? Yes / No
10. Please review the following prior to completing the rest of this application. If you need a copy of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* or *The Manual of The Mother Church*, please ask a member. We're happy for you to take one!
 - The platform of Christian Science (pages 330-340 in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy.
 - The tenets of Christian Science (page 497 in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* OR on

- The “Qualifications for Membership” on page 34-35 of *The Manual of The Mother Church*.
- The definition of “church” as defined on page 583 of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*.

11. Are you interested in and willing to subscribe to and practice the truths and expectations outlined in the above passages? Yes / No

12. In what ways do you believe that you can contribute to this church as a member?

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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What's next? In accordance with the Bylaws of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Athens, applicants for membership are interviewed by a majority of our Board of Directors, a three-member panel. This is why you don't need to collect any Church members to co-sign your application. The recommendation of the Board is then submitted to the entire church membership for approval.

Please return this completed application to the Clerk .

ⁱ Primary Class instruction is a two-week course in spiritual healing taught by authorized teachers of Christian Science. See article XXVI in *The Manual of The Mother Church* for a description of the rules which govern Primary Class instruction.