

# Become a Full Member!

## Application for Full Membership In the Society of Elder Faiths

- If you have been a Supporting member for one year or more, you may apply for Full Membership in the SEF.
- You must ask a member of the Board of Directors to sponsor you.
  - Information on this form is confidential, and will only be circulated within the Board of Directors.
- Please submit this form or your answers (by mail or email) to your sponsoring Board member.

### 1.) Personal Information:

Name:

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Address:

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City, State, Zip:

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Phone #:

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E-mail address :

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Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date : \_\_\_\_\_

### (Attach additional sheets to answer the following)

2) In a brief paragraph, describe aspects of your religious background, training and study that have influenced your current thinking and beliefs.

3) Briefly describe the four or five key elements or ideas that you consider most important to your current personal religious understanding and development. If any books were particularly helpful or addressed these issues, please include a short list.

4) Please list the highest educational level you have reached.

5) Please list any awards or honors you would like to mention.

6) Please list any community service you currently perform.

7) The Society of Elder Faiths stands for Service, Ethics, and Fellowship. Describe how you might put these principles into practice as a member of the SEF.

8) The SEF is currently working on several projects for the benefit of the Massachusetts Pagan community, including the following: Final planning - issues of death & dying; Clergy training and education; SEF Stone Circle/land development; SEF Liturgy development; and SEF Outreach. Would you be interested in participating in any of these projects? If so, in what ways? If you are not interested, are there any topics or ideas you would like to see included instead?

9) Are you interested in leading or assisting with public events; for example, seasonal celebrations, festivals, handfastings, funerals, rites of passage? Please list areas of interest and note any relevant experience you may have.

10) Are there any projects or ideas you feel the SEF should explore in the future? If so, do you have expertise in these areas? (describe)

11) What do you wish to achieve, both personally and in the context of the broader Pagan community, through your membership of the SEF?

12) If you were asked by someone ten years down the road to look back and summarize what your greatest contribution to the SEF would be, what would you hope to be able to say?

**An SEF Member is someone who stands firmly for the principles of Service, Ethics, and Fellowship, as further defined below:**

- A person who believes in the value of Pagan religious and social community.
- A person who encourages and strives toward the improvement of the community's religious and social services.
- A person whose ethic enfolds the idea of all actions carrying consequences, and agrees with "An it harm none, do what ye Will."
- A person who holds a general belief in the Divine Principle, acknowledged and worshipped in the manifested forms of the Goddess and the God.
- A person whose relationship with the natural world is one of respect and stewardship, and who celebrates and finds harmony in the cycle of the seasons and the heavens.
- A person who feels such community, as it matures, has room for a variety of organizations of like-minded individuals.