

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please type or print clearly. Complete ALL sections of the form. Give full details of your current and past positions' functions (append additional information or position description if there is insufficient space on form). Be sure your signature appears on page 4. **Please note: As a result of the Federal Privacy Legislation (Bill C6), you are not obligated to provide us with your birthdate or home address.**

ELIGIBILITY

1. Member

On the date of application, the applicant shall be employed in public relations or teach or administer a Member Society recognized public relations course, or possess a degree in public relations recognized by the National Society.

2. Individual Member

The applicant must live and work outside specific geographical areas and must meet the eligibility requirements as for Member.

3. Associate

On the date of application, the individual is not employed full time in public relations, or is employed in functions partially related to public relations.

CANADIAN RESIDENTS

Forward the completed application form, signed by the applicant, to the Presiding Officer of the Membership Committee of the appropriate Member Society.

APPLICANTS OUTSIDE CANADA

Forward the completed application form, signed by the applicant, directly to the National Office.

DUES

A cheque payable to The Canadian Public Relations Society, Inc., or credit card information covering the initiation fee, National and Member Society dues and applicable GST must accompany the application.



Name of Member Society _____

Name _____

Organization/Employer _____

Business Address _____ Position or Title _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

E-Mail _____

Business Telephone () _____ Fax () _____

Nature of organization's business or activity

Gov't Fed. _____ Prov. _____ Regl. _____ Mun. _____ Crown Corp. _____ Association _____

Charitable/Non-Profit _____ Consultant _____ Consulting Agency _____ Education _____ Finance _____

Health _____ Industry/Manufacturer _____ New Technology _____ Service _____ Utility _____

Private Sector, Other _____

Other (specify) _____

Date of birth _____ **Language of Society Mailings:** English French
Month / Day / Year

Home Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Telephone () _____ Fax () _____

E-Mail _____

Address to be used for Society mailings and Directory listing: Business Home

I have been referred by _____

Referred by email _____



Have you ever been accepted for membership in CPRS before? Yes No

Member Society _____ From: _____ To: _____

Were you accredited by CPRS? Yes No

Educational background (complete in detail giving dates and levels of achievement): _____

CPRS recognized courses: _____

INFORMATION ON PRESENT POSITION

Please indicate the approximate percentage of time you spend on the following functions applicable to your current position. Percentages should add up to 100%.

_____ Public Relations Management and Administration

_____ Writing/Editing

_____ Media Relations

_____ Community Relations

_____ Public Relations Teaching

_____ Publicity

_____ Institutional/Corporate Advertising

_____ Public Relations Counselling

_____ Other

_____ Issues Management

_____ Employee Relations

_____ Government Relations

_____ Special Events

Please give information on present public relations responsibilities below. If more space is required, please use separate sheet and attach.

Length of tenure in your present position: From _____ (Month/Year) to present

INFORMATION ON PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Position/Title _____ from _____ (Month/Year) to _____ (Month/Year)

Organization: same or: _____

Describe your responsibilities _____

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Describe your responsibilities _____

If necessary, attach information on other previous positions

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Members of the Canadian Public Relations Society, Inc. (the "Society"), pledge to uphold the letter and spirit of this Code of Professional Standards. Members will ensure that any breach of this Code by fellow Members is reported to the Society authorities in accordance with the Regulations of the Society. Any breaches of the Code will be dealt with at either the National or Member Society level according to the decision of the National Judicial Review Committee.

Society members shall strive to improve their individual professional proficiency and advance their knowledge and competency through continuing research and professional development. Paramount in this respect is the achievement of professional accreditation by each member, which should be sought actively within seven years of joining the Society.

1. A member shall practice public relations according to the highest professional standards.

Members shall conduct their professional life in a manner that does not conflict with the public interest and the dignity of the individual, with respect for the rights of the public as contained in the Constitution of Canada and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

2. A member shall deal fairly and honestly with the communications media and the public.

Members shall neither propose or act to improperly influence the communications media, government bodies or the legislative process. Improper influence may include conferring gifts, privileges or benefits to influence decisions.

3. A member shall practice the highest standards of honesty, accuracy, integrity and truth, and shall not knowingly disseminate false or misleading information.

Members shall not make extravagant claims or unfair comparisons, nor assume credit for ideas and words not their own. Members shall not engage in professional or personal conduct that will bring discredit to themselves, the Society or the practice of public relations.

4. A member shall deal fairly with past or present employers / clients, with fellow practitioners, and with members of other professions.

Members shall not intentionally damage another practitioner's practice or professional reputation. Members shall understand, respect and abide by the ethical code of other professions with whose members they may work from time to time.

5. A member shall be prepared to disclose the name of their employer or client for whom public communications are made and refrain from associating themselves with anyone that would not respect such policy.

Members shall be prepared to disclose publicly the name of their employer or client on whose behalf public communications is made. Members shall not associate themselves with anyone claiming to represent one interest or professing to be independent or unbiased, but actually service another or undisclosed interest.

6. A member shall protect the confidences of present, former and prospective employers / clients.

Members shall not use or disclose confidential information obtained from past or present employers / clients, without the express permission of the employers / clients, or upon the order of a court of law.

7. A member shall not represent conflicting or competing interests without the express consent of those concerned, given after a full disclosure of the facts.

Members shall not permit personal or other professional interests to conflict with those of an employer / client without fully disclosing such interests to everyone involved.

8. A member shall not guarantee specified results beyond the member's capacity to achieve.

9. Members shall personally accept no fees, commissions, gifts or any other considerations for professional services from anyone except employers or clients for whom the services were specifically performed.

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

I hereby apply for membership in the The Canadian Public Relations Society, Inc., and attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this application. I agree to accept the Society's decision regarding this application for membership. I have read and understand the Society's "Code of Professional Standards" as outlined in this application form. I agree to abide by this Code and Bylaws and Regulations as established by the Society.

Signature of Application _____ Date _____

Membership dues may be paid by VISA/AMEX/MASTERCARD

Name of the Card _____

Card No. _____ Expiry date _____

Signature _____

Member Society Use

To be signed and dated by the Presiding Officer, Membership Committee

Approved by Member Society's Membership Committee

Signature _____ Date _____

National Society Use

Verified by National Office _____ Date _____

Category: Member Associate

Approved by the National Executive Committee _____ Date _____

Recommended Accreditation Eligibility Date _____ Date _____