

Salt Lake Pagan Society



Application for Membership

Overview

This application is designed to inform the Officers of your intentions, potential, history, and to gauge whether or not you are properly meet for membership in the Salt Lake Pagan Society and candidacy in the New American Tradition. By applying for membership, you are indicating your intention to become part of the Society and its coven.

Who is Qualified?

Any person seeking admission regardless of race, class, gender, gender identity/expression, economic status, sexuality orientation, religion, education, and who is of sound mind, body, and soul. A basic belief in deity, in some fashion is required. It is ok to be exploring the path of Paganism, but it is expected that you will have already developed a faith, belief, or knowledge in a higher power and have come seeking the specific mysteries of the Society.

Honesty and being a person of good ethics is also required. Those interested in Nature, Magic, Meditation, the Occult, Service, Metaphysics, Fun, and the study of the Mystic Arts as a student will find they will fit in naturally.

Who is not Qualified?

Those seeking a social club should not apply. While social aspects are abundant in the Society, we are here to Work. Those whose intentions are to corrupt, disrupt, back bite, not of good ethical standards, seeking power to control others for their own gain, gain titles for ill use, stir the cauldron or otherwise cause problems in, among or through the Society. Also those with cat/dog/bee allergies are warned there are these animals where events are held.

Persons not believing in the divine in some fashion, as well as Left-Hand path Pagans should also not apply. The focus on the Society is Right-hand paths such as Druidry, Shamanism, Witchcraft, Norse, Egyptian, Hindu, Greek, Native American, Aztec, Santeria, High Magic, and specifically Wicca according to Scott Cunningham. People who find syncretic combining of faiths offensive should not apply. We do interfaith work and cross cultural holidays. Sometimes this includes holidays of non-Pagan faiths such as Christianity and Judaism.

Why is the fee \$50?

Although no one is paid, this fee indicates you are serious about applying. It honors the time it takes for the people to come together and review your application, meet with you, write comments, and approve or deny it. It goes towards your first year's membership dues if approved for membership.

What can I Expect?

If approved, you will be joining the SLPS community. You will receive a membership certificate and welcome letter. You can expect the highest level of sincerity, honesty, and inclusion by the officers and members of the society as well as all privileges to participate in events, planning, and other functions. You will be joining our family.

How does the Review Process Work?

Your review for membership and candidacy begins at the very first meeting. We take into account the previous experiences we have with you and weigh them with your application as part of gauging you as a

person. The questions on the application, you, and your responses in the interview are evaluated as well. Once a decision is reached you will be notified.

What if my Application is Denied?

If for any reason you are not approved on the application and/or interview, you will receive a letter as to why this is. You are welcome to attend the open meetings and events put on by the society and to reapply with a new application and fee, in one year's time.

How Intense is the Degree Training?

The training is designed for personal work and focuses on the three areas of self: physical, practical, spiritual. It is writing intensive and is designed to give you training with options, and exposure to a number of areas in magic, spirituality, the occult, community, self-work, and group working. The tradition focuses especially on Earth living and sustainability, spiritual maturity, knowledge of paganism and magic, divination, and serving the community. The later degrees have service hours that will be completed before advancement to following degrees. With each degree you receive a certificate of completion and a color cord for the level completed.

What are the Degrees?

Degree 0- *Earth Path Candidacy.* This is the beginning period a year and a day study with the coven where you demonstrate your desire to study and work, begin to explore the magical side of yourself; it gets you involved with the Living Earth, nature, natural magic, working with the element of earth, being embodied in yourself, present, as well as interacting with your surroundings.

Degree 1- *Moon Path.* This is the Goddess Path. You learn to work with a goddess of your choice, learn the inner mysterious of the tradition such as meditation, divination, moon magic, working with the element of water, fairies, astrology and phases of the moon.

Degree 2 -*Sun Path.* This is the God Path. You learn to work with a god of your choice, what the outer mysteries are, solar rites, candle magic, working with the element of fire, high magic, non-leader ritual roles, and writing and designing rituals and getting involved in the community through service hours.

Degree 3- *Spirit path.* This path is the end of the training and teaches you to continue your studies in the inner and outer mysteries, ritual leadership, receiving spiritual messages for others, working with the element air, leading groups, guiding others on vision quests, starting your own circle, advanced magical practices, drawing down the moon, completing a community service project, aspecting deities and taking on the mantle of High Priest or High Priestess.

How to Apply

Phases

1. Fill out this application and return it to SLPS in person, via email at slpagansociety@gmail.com or to 7455 Parkridge Cir, Salt Lake City, UT 84121.
2. Pay the \$50 application fee (nonrefundable) via PayPal to slpagansociety@gmail.com or by cash, money order, or check (make payable to Salt Lake Pagan Society) to the address listed above
3. Attend an in person or video interview by three trustees or officers of the Society.
4. Await decision of acceptance or denial based on 1 and 3.
5. Study the text *An' Ye Harm None: Magical Morality and Modern Ethics* by Shelley Rabinovitch and Meredith MacDonald.
6. Pass the Ethics test (3 chances).
7. Sign the Candidate Agreement in the Guide for New Candidates booklet.
8. Start attending regular functions of SLPS.

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“Understanding Through Education. Education Through Experience”

Contact: Daniel Cureton Ph: 801-709-4632 Email: slpagansociety@gmail.com

Address: 7455 Parkridge Cir. Salt Lake City, UT 84121

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Do you have pet allergies? Yes__ No __ Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) ____/____/____

If Yes, what kind of pet? _____

Magical Name _____

Are you a student? _____ Where? _____

Any licenses or certifications? _____

T-shirt Size _____

Instructions

Fill out and complete the questions in the application to the best of your ability. Answer truthfully and explain your answers where needed. Feel free to talk openly in your answers as this will only add to your benefit during the review process. Be sure to write clearly and fix any grammatical and spelling errors. There is no minimum or maximum length.

Questions for the Prospective Member

1. What has brought you to apply and what is your intent for membership in the Salt Lake Pagan Society?
2. What do you expect to receive by becoming a member and candidate?
3. What do you have to offer the Salt Lake Pagan Society?
4. How would you describe your belief in deity?

9. What can be accomplished by serving our fellow person?

10. Have you ever been an initiate or candidate in a coven, circle, or at a mystery school? Describe the experience.

11. What can be accomplished by the study of the Occult, Metaphysics or other spiritualities?

12. What is the purpose of ritual?

13. What fears do you have about the Occult?

14. What is the purpose of Magic?

15. What are the Elements?

16. How do you resolve conflict?

17. How well do you work in groups?

18. How are you with independent study, reading, and writing?

19. Where do you see yourself, your spirituality in the next five years?

20. Do you have time to commit to be a regular participant in activities and meetings of the Salt Lake Pagan Society? (As a candidate attendance is required at all rituals)

21. Can you help out at activities and rituals by bringing food for the feast, helping set up and taking down?

22. Anything else, comments, questions, and such, you may add it here.

Membership Application Agreement

*I agree to that I have answered and entered the information on this application truthfully and to the best of my ability. I understand that any intent to deceive on my part will mean immediate denial and banning by the Society. I also agree to hold harmless the Society in the case of being unsatisfied with the application, its review, the interview, and the decision made by the Officers. I agree that by signing this application, I am putting forth the intention to become a candidate of the coven and member of the Salt Lake Pagan Society with all rights, responsibilities and privileges.

**If I have any questions about procedures and policies, you can find them outlined in the Society constitution.*

You must be 18 Years of age to join. Photo ID will be required with Application

You may hand sign or electronically.

Applicant Name (Please Print)

Applicant Signature

Date

Application Fee: \$50.00

Cash _____ Money Order _____ No. _____ Check _____ No. _____

PayPal _____ Email Address _____ Waived _____

Date: _____

Office Use Only

Application- Approved/Denied: _____ Date: _____

Interview- Approved/Denied: _____ Date: _____

Approved/Denied for Membership and Candidacy: _____

Date: _____

Minimum Three Officers/Trustee-Vote Must be Unanimous. Attach separate sheet with statements for approving or denying.

| Officer Name | Officer Signature | Office |
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Decision: _____ Date: _____

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