



Dear Prospective Member:

On behalf of the Midland Symphony Guild (MSG) Board of Directors, we would like to invite you to become a supporter of West Texas' largest professional performing arts organization. The Guild is one of the largest volunteer organizations in Midland, devoting thousands of hours of volunteer service annually to the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale and other community organizations.

We have developed a training year for Members-In-Training (MITs). In order to be eligible for Active membership, MITs will complete mandatory training requirements during their first year in the Guild, which will focus on education and history of the Guild, the Symphony, and the Belle program. MITs will have different membership requirements than Active members and will not vote or hold office. The membership requirements of Member-In-Training (MIT's) are outlined below.

Your daughter will be able to enter the Belle program upon your completion of your MIT year. In each of the following years, you will be required to fulfill the Active membership requirements. Your daughter will be required to earn **five** work credits each year (Freshman, Sophomore and Junior) for a total of 15 credits. Eligible Belles will be introduced as Freshman Belles and presented as Senior Belles at the annual Midland Symphony Guild Gala event.

Member-In-Training Requirements (Prospective Belle's 8th grade year)

1. Pay all Guild financial dues/fees and Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale (MOSC) season tickets obligations by **June 1st** of 7th grade year.
2. Attend all **three** Member-In-Training (MIT) meetings. (Usually held sometime in September-February)
3. Attend at least **three** General Meetings each year. Meetings are held monthly, September-April, excluding December and February.
4. Fulfill an assigned placement on all fundraising projects of the guild, as requested.
5. Attend at least one MOSC concert during the training year.

All training requirements must be completed during the first year of training in the Guild in order to be eligible for Active membership.

Active Membership Requirements (Belle's 9th -12th grade years)

1. Attend at least three General Meetings by April 1st of each year.
2. Pay all Guild financial dues & fees by April 1st each year, and obtain an MOSC Season Subscription by September 1st of each year.
3. Serve on one Standing Committee.
4. Assist with all fundraising projects of the Guild, as requested.

If you would like to join the Midland Symphony Guild, please complete the enclosed application and submit it postmarked no later than **June 1st**. We look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Chairman at midlandsg@yahoo.com.

Midland Symphony Guild
Board of Directors

Midland Symphony Guild
Member-In-Training (MIT) Application

Application and payment must be submitted and postmarked no later than **June 1st**.

There are NO exceptions to this rule.

Return the following REQUIRED pages of this application:

_____ **Member and Belle Information (Page 1)**

Please complete all blanks. This information is used for the mailings, placements and the yearbook.

_____ **Explanation of Financial Obligations (Page 2)**

All financial arrangements for extenuating situations must be made in writing with the Financial Vice President prior to April 1 of each year. **This form requires one check made payable to Midland Symphony Guild.**

_____ **Member and Belle Contract (Page 2)**

This will be maintained as your signed Membership Contract. This form requires your signature, the prospective Belle's signature, and the signature of the **current Active Member** that is sponsoring you.

Member and Belle Information

Member (Adult) Last Name: _____ Member (Adult) First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Member Employer: _____ Member e-mail: _____

What, if any, info do you wish to EXCLUDE from the directory? _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Spouse's Employer: _____

Formal Salutation: (i.e. Mr. & Mrs., Dr. & Mrs., Ms.) _____

PROSPECTIVE BELLE(S)

1. Belle Name(First, Middle, Last): _____ Belle phone: _____

DOB: ____/____/____ Grade in Aug: _____ School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

2. Belle Name(First, Middle, Last): _____ Belle phone: _____

DOB: ____/____/____ Grade in Aug: _____ School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Future Belle/Belles (full names and graduating year): _____

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Explanation of Financial Obligations

1. Dues/Fees

	MIT	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Member Dues	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Belle Dues	--	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Belle Administrative Fee	--	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Prepaid Gala Tickets	--	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$145.00
TOTAL	\$50.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00

If you have more than one Belle in the program, you are required to pay the applicable fees for each Belle, including the membership fee.

First-year freshman and sophomore Belles (joining after 8th grade) must pay ALL respective prior year(s) fees as well as current year fees.

2. Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale Season Subscription

In accordance with MSG bylaws (Article IV, Section 2.A): By September 1, all Active members and Members-in-Training must purchase an MOSC season subscription for at least one of the current Symphony concert series, or a current MOSC season subscription if invited to membership after September 1. In lieu of a MOSC season subscription, an Active Member or Member-in-Training may donate the cost of a season subscription to MOSC. **All monies for MOSC Season Subscriptions will be paid directly to Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, NOT to Midland Symphony Guild (MSG).**

You will be required to show proof (receipt) of purchase or donation. The cost of MOSC season tickets can range from approximately \$100 and up, depending on the concert series and seating level *selected by you*. The Guild and MOSC will provide additional information about MOSC season subscription at the Guild’s mandatory Orientation meeting in August and **you may select and purchase the MOSC season subscription after this meeting.**

If you choose to donate the cost of season tickets to MOSC, this does NOT relieve you and your Belle from the requirement to attend at least one MOSC concert during your MIT year.

Midland Symphony Guild Member and Belle Contract

We understand that 1) each Member of the MSG must remain an **Active** Member throughout the Belle’s participation in the Belle program; 2) that each Belle is committed to 15 service credits during her tenure in the program; 3) and that all **Belle service credits, MSG Member’s attendance, committee assignments and Gala placements, financial obligations** must be CURRENT and UP-TO-DATE to be eligible for Membership, Gala Presentation/Introduction and Belle Ball. Members/Belles that do not meet the requirements will be placed on **RESTRICTED STATUS** and or **REMOVED** from the Guild. Removed Members/Belles will be prohibited participation in future Belle Ball guest admissions and future Guild membership.

SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED FROM PROSPECTIVE MEMBER AND SPONSORING MEMBER

Signature of Prospective Symphony Guild Member

Date

Signature of Prospective Belle

Date

Signature of Sponsoring Guild Member

Date

Make check payable to MSG.
Mail application (pages 1 & 2) with payment to:

MSG
PO Box 7255
Midland, TX 79708