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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby declare that I commit myself to ethical values as a high priority in my life.  
I dedicate myself to developing my full ethical potential and to bringing out the best in others.  
I desire to participate in the community life of the Ethical Society Mid Rivers, and to be part  
of the Ethical Culture Movement to make ethical ideals the presiding ideals in the world.

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### WITH THIS COMMITMENT, I PLEDGE:

- 1. My personal commitment to the ethical treatment our planet and all life upon it, and to recognize every human's right to dignity and respect.**
- 2. To contribute to the success of the Society by volunteering in accordance with my ability.**
- 3. To contribute a monetary donation toward the annual expenses of the Society in accordance with my own personal and financial circumstances.**

### CONSIDERATIONS ON PLEDGING

Ethical Society Mid Rivers (ESMR) is our community. Members create it and support it. Along with personal participation, each member is expected to contribute to ESMR's financial well-being to the extent that they are able. You arrive at your own pledge amount, which should reflect your commitment to, and the meaningfulness of, the Society to you, as befits your financial situation. There are no set fees or dues.

Pledges are requested upon joining ESMR, and they're reconfirmed annually. This helps us to develop our budget which is presented at the annual Member Meeting and further reviewed during Board meetings as the year progresses. Members are welcome to attend Board meetings, and the budget is available from the Treasurer upon request by any member.

Monetary contributions support the people, programs, rent, insurance, and other expenses of the Society, including the American Ethical Union (AEU) via its annual apportionment of \$75 per member. You can give annually, quarterly, monthly, or weekly. ESMR values personal commitment more than a dollar figure. Thank you for your support and generosity.

### ESMR MEMBER'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### *A member has the right to:*

- Be treated with care and consideration
- Vote in all Society elections
- Be a member in the AEU
- Receive all ESMR publications and mailings, and to be a part of the ESMR network
- Receive all AEU publications and mailings
- Receive the ceremonial services of ESMR officiants without charge
- Participate in all Society social events, committees and adult education classes
- Participate in the Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) program for children in the family
- Present grievances to the Board of Directors

#### *A member has the responsibility to:*

- Treat members, as well as visitors, with care and consideration
- Attend platforms and participate in Society events as fits the member's ability and schedule
- Volunteer time to the Society as fits the member's life situation
- Make a monetary pledge annually, which is comfortably within their financial means
- To grow ethically and reflect positively on the Society and the AEU

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## MEMBER INFORMATION:

### Applicant 1

First/Last Name

Pronouns

she/her     he/him     they/them

other \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

City/State/Zip

E-Mail Address

Phone Number

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Phone Number and Email

Children's Names, Ages and Pronouns

Children will participate the Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) program.

### Applicant 2

First/Last Name

Pronouns

she/her     he/him     they/them

other \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

City/State/Zip

E-Mail Address

Phone Number

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Phone Number and Email

## MONETARY DONATION:

I have reflected on both the Member's Rights and Responsibilities and Considerations on Pledging on page 1. I pledge to contribute, proportional to my ability and my own sense of ethical stewardship, the following amount over the next 12 months:

\$

Pledge Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency:

weekly     monthly     quarterly     annually

*Donations can be made via the "DONATE" link on our website, via ACH transfer, or by cash or check. A statement of your donation will be issued at year-end for tax purposes.*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

I may have interest in the following areas:

Adopt-a-Highway clean-up

Ethicurean Dinners

Fundraising Efforts

Program Planning

Book Club

Ethical Action/Social Justice

Marketing

Sunday Ethical Education

Board of Directors

Facilities

Membership Committee

for Kids (SEEK) Program

Care Team

Finance Committee

Platform Host

Social Event Planning

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