



# Seva Club Level 1 (A)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (Must be in grade 6 or higher)

### Member Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code:

Telephone: Home:       Cell:

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Age at time of application: \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (must be in grade 6 or higher): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Gurmat Center student? Yes  No

If yes, what level are you currently in? \_\_\_\_\_

### Reason for Joining

Tell us why you are interested in joining the Gurmat Center Seva Club!

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Please check mark (✓) your t-shirt size

- YOUTH SMALL
- YOUTH MEDIUM
- YOUTH LARGE

- ADULT SMALL
- ADULT MEDIUM
- ADULT LARGE



**Interests and Experiences**

List your hobbies / skills / interests \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently a volunteer with any organization?  Yes  No

If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

List any previous Volunteer Experiences (ex. Gurmat camps)

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**Parent/Guardian Information**

Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration**

*All the information that is given in this application is true and correct. As the parent of this child, I understand that my child must perform at least 2 hours of Seva every week and I will fully support him/her in their role as a Seva Club member. As the applicant, I will fulfill my role as a Seva Club member to the best of my abilities. I acknowledge that camp photos and videos taken during events will remain the sole property of the Gurmat Center, and they may be used in future and current marketing campaigns.*

*I have read and understand the given rules and requirements of the Gurmat Center Seva Club.*

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Applicants will be notified by telephone upon acceptance\**

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Seva Club is to provide youth with an opportunity to use their current skills, and develop new ones, while performing selfless service for the community. The end goal of becoming a Sevadar is to develop such a love and passion for seva that it becomes a way of life, rather than a single act of service. As Sikhs, we are born to serve humanity and the Seva Club is a small starting point where you can direct your time and energy to make a positive difference in someone else's life, as well as your own.

## DESCRIPTION

This Leadership based club will be responsible for ensuring all departments and events are organized and executed effectively. Becoming a member of the Seva Club means that you will be giving up your time, energy and services without expecting anything in return.

## BENEFITS

Becoming a member of the Seva Club allows youth to gain a variety of different skills and experiences throughout their term. These include:

- Meeting new people
- Using your talents and skills
- Developing new skills and abilities
- Discovering new areas of interest
- Getting valuable work experience
- Helping the community
- Volunteer recognition
- Receiving the blessings of God for following the teachings of your Guru Ji

## EXPECTATIONS

As a Seva Club member, you will be expected to:

- Have good attendance
- Carry out duties promptly and responsibly
- Accept the guidance and decisions of program leaders
- Be reliable and punctual
- Respect confidentiality
- Be respectful of the people you work with
- Have a non-judgmental approach
- Carry out specified job duties
- Provide feedback
- Be accountable for your own actions
- Ask for support when needed
- Be committed to the club
- Work well with other team members

## REQUIREMENTS

The following is a list of Seva commitments and events that members are expected to attend:

- Sunday Youth & Family Darbar (every Sunday evening from 5:30 - 7:00 pm).
- Annual Shaheedi Smagam: October 31, (Shopping for candy, setting up for the event, seva during the event, cleaning up / taking down after the event).
- Annual Awards Ceremony: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of May (Setting up, Seva during the event, cleaning up / taking down after the event).
- Seva in at least 2 of the 3 Annual Gurmat Camps (Spring, Summer, or Winter). Minimum of 2 weeks required for Summer Gurmat Camp.
- Seva one evening per week, in any of the departments, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
- Perform any required Seva, upon request.

## REASONS FOR DISMISSAL

As an organization, the Gurmat Center is responsible for clearly setting out its policies and practices and applying them consistently. It is expected of members to uphold these rules and regulations. Failure to do so could result in the member's removal from the club. Reasons for dismissal may include unsatisfactory performance, unsatisfactory behavior, or other types of misconduct.

## "PARTICIPATION HOURS" PROGRAM

By filling out and signing this form, you have been enrolled in the Participation Hours Program. The purpose of this program is to assess the dedication and responsibility of volunteers, and to later promote them to an official Seva Club Level 1 position, upon completion of a required 200 hours. These hours can be achieved by participating in any of the Seva opportunities listed below. Each hour spent doing Seva equals 1 "Participation Hour" that will be recorded in your file. You may earn participation hours by assisting in the following areas:

- Punjabi class
- Gatka class
- Kirtan class
- Office/reception area
- Sunday darbar
- Gurmat Camps
- Seva Club Level 2
- Dharam Parchar store
- Path Seva Jatha
- Simran Club
- Gurmat Center Outreach
- Langar 4 Hungar
- Little Gursikhs Sangat
- Cross Legged Competition
- Awards ceremony
- Shaheedi Smagam

After successfully earning 200 participation hours, you will automatically be enrolled in your 2 year term as a Seva Club member. Upon completion of this term, you will be required to vacate your position.