


# Membership Application

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## General Membership Information

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Please print clearly with blue or black ink.

Name  First / Middle / Last

Birth date  Month / Day / Year Male/Female  M / F

Organization  If applicable

Address

City  State  Zip

Email

Cell phone  Home phone

Work phone

Occupation

How did you learn about this ministry?



Lori Sedlak

## Family Members To Be Included In Membership

- Please include spouse even if he/she is not joining
- Include last name if different than member above
- Include only single children 25 years old and under, or those 26 and over who meet basic income requirements (see Guidelines Section II.A, B, & C).
- Please use an additional sheet of paper if necessary

	Male/Female	Birth date	Include in Membership?
Spouse <input type="text"/> First / Middle / Last	<input type="text"/> M / F	<input type="text"/> M / D / Y	<input type="text"/> Y / N
Child #1 <input type="text"/> First / Middle / Last	<input type="text"/> M / F	<input type="text"/> M / D / Y	<input type="text"/> Y / N
Child #2 <input type="text"/> First / Middle / Last	<input type="text"/> M / F	<input type="text"/> M / D / Y	<input type="text"/> Y / N
Child #3 <input type="text"/> First / Middle / Last	<input type="text"/> M / F	<input type="text"/> M / D / Y	<input type="text"/> Y / N
Child #4 <input type="text"/> First / Middle / Last	<input type="text"/> M / F	<input type="text"/> M / D / Y	<input type="text"/> Y / N
Child #5 <input type="text"/> First / Middle / Last	<input type="text"/> M / F	<input type="text"/> M / D / Y	<input type="text"/> Y / N
Child #6 <input type="text"/> First / Middle / Last	<input type="text"/> M / F	<input type="text"/> M / D / Y	<input type="text"/> Y / N

## Family Health History

Please list the medical history of anyone added above. List all tests and treatments during the past 12 months, and all symptoms even if not diagnosed or treated. For heart disease, cancer, or diabetes, list complete medical history, not just the previous 12 months. **Publication of needs for some conditions existing prior to membership may be limited, but your membership will not be refused on the basis of your health status. (Please use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.)**

Family member	Illness or injury	Date of treatment	Outcome of treatment
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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## Newsletter Membership Agreement

All participating adults must read and initial the following statements.

Applicant's Initials Spouse's Initials

### Membership Requirements

1. I have access to the current Samaritan Ministries Guidelines, have read them, and agree to abide by them. (The Guidelines can be accessed at [samaritanministries.org](http://samaritanministries.org).)
2. I have read and do affirm the Member Statement of Faith (Section I.B).
3. I agree to abide by the membership requirements listed in Sections I and II of the Guidelines, including:
- a. I attend church services at least three weeks each month (except for illness, travel, etc.).
- b. I abstain from the use of tobacco and illegal drugs.
- c1. I abstain completely from the use of alcoholic beverages (wine used for communion is an approved exception).  
– or –
- c2. I use alcoholic beverages in careful moderation—never drinking to drunkenness (Ephesians 5:18).
- d. I abstain from any sexual activity outside of traditional Biblical marriage.
4. I affirm that everyone over 18 included in this membership meets the requirements listed in Sections I and II of the Guidelines, as verified by the completion of their own membership agreement.

### Ministry Understandings

5. I understand that Samaritan Ministries is not an insurance company, does not provide insurance, and is not regulated or approved by a department of insurance in any state. A monthly mailing provides information to enable me to pray for specific medical needs, send notes of encouragement, and directly share financially in another member's need.
6. I understand that Samaritan Ministries has no obligation to me other than to publish qualifying medical needs for eligible members of my household according to the Guidelines in effect at the time of the need.
7. I understand that any monthly shares I receive will come directly from fellow members, not from Samaritan Ministries. Information I may have regarding past giving by Samaritan members does not guarantee any future giving.
8. I agree that the responsibility for paying medical bills remains mine whether or not I receive financial help from other members.

### Sharing Practices

9. I understand that the purpose of Samaritan's financial sharing is to bear one another's medical burdens. Leaving medical bills unpaid or otherwise using members' monthly shares for another purpose would be a violation of their trust, making me ineligible to have additional needs published and ineligible to continue membership. I authorize Samaritan to hold me accountable with my church (as reported to SMI or where I am currently attending) even if I am no longer a Samaritan member.

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### Sharing Practices (cont.)

10. I understand that 11 months of the year I will be asked to send a monthly share directly to a member with a need. I understand that I must send to all assigned needs and be current in sharing with members and the office, to be eligible to have my own needs published.
11. I understand that annually, on the anniversary month of my membership, my monthly share will be sent as an administrative fee to the Samaritan Ministries' office, to be used at the discretion of Samaritan Ministries to perform all ministry functions, including presenting this ministry to others who are not members, and for such other purposes as determined by the Board of Directors. This share will not be used to reimburse publishable medical expenses, nor is it a "premium" for any agreement by Samaritan Ministries to reimburse me for medical expenses.
12. If I decide to discontinue my membership, I agree to send notification in writing to Samaritan Ministries before the 15th of the month preceding the month in which I wish to stop sharing, and to continue sending to assigned needs until my cancellation is acknowledged.
13. I understand that if I should end my membership and later rejoin, the provisions for having my needs published will be the same as starting a new membership, without regard to any previous membership time.
14. **Conditions existing before membership:** I understand that any health condition (diagnosed or not) that my household members have experienced (symptoms or treatment) prior to the membership will not be eligible for publication as a regular need until 12 months elapse without any symptoms, treatment, or medication (Section VII). The requirement for recurrence of cancer is seven years without symptoms, treatment, or medication. The need may be presented as a Special Prayer Need (Section V.A).
15. **Exceptions:** I understand that any need resulting from a heart condition or Type 1 diabetes that existed before my membership will not be published as a regular need (but may qualify as a Special Prayer Need), even if it has not recurred prior to the membership or has been declared cured (Section VII.B).
16. I have read and understand the specific limits on what can be published for a maternity need (Section IX).

### Conflict Resolution

17. I agree that neither I nor Samaritan Ministries have any legal power to force anyone to give to me for any need. Members give to other members voluntarily as an expression of obedience to their Christian faith, and it would be contrary to my Christian beliefs for any governmental authority to construe giving by members to be a contractual obligation.
18. I agree with the Biblical teaching that believers should settle their disputes within the Body of believers, and not take one another to civil courts, unless they refuse to submit to the Body (1 Corinthians 6:1-8). I agree, as a condition of membership, to submit any dispute or claim against Samaritan Ministries, its members, staff, officers, or directors, to Christian arbitration as provided in Section XII of the Guidelines and give up any right to sue in civil court.

I have initialed each of the above statements and sign here indicating my agreement. (Required from each participating adult.)

Applicant's signature

Date

Spouse's signature

Date

Please specify when you want to start your membership:

On the date it is received at Samaritan Ministries' office. – or –  on

## To Share in Needs That Exceed \$250,000

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### Save to Share™ Membership Agreement

Only those desiring to participate in *Save to Share*™ should complete this section.

(All participating adults must read and initial the following statements.)

Applicant's Initials Spouse's Initials

1. I understand that participation in *Save to Share*™ requires participation in Samaritan Ministries' *Christian Health Care Newsletter*, and adherence to its Guidelines. I understand that a decision to discontinue participation in the newsletter will at the same time terminate my participation in *Save to Share*™.

2. I have access to the current *Save to Share*™ Guidelines, have read them, and agree to abide by them. (The *Save to Share*™ Guidelines can be accessed at [samaritanministries.org](http://samaritanministries.org).)

3. I understand that if I should end participation in the *Save to Share*™ program for any reason and later reapply, the provisions for having my needs published will be as though I had never participated previously (i.e. conditions existing before membership, etc.).

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4. I understand that *Save to Share*™ is part of Samaritan Ministries' *Christian Health Care Newsletter*, and is not an insurance company, but simply a publication. The same understandings and limitations I have agreed to regarding the basic ministry of Samaritan Ministries also apply to *Save to Share*™ except that *Save to Share*™ publishes that portion of a *Save to Share*™ member's need that exceeds \$250,000 (up to the available amounts under the Guidelines) rather than the amount under \$250,000 that is published as a regular newsletter need.

5. I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to set aside the agreed upon amount of money to be ready to share in the need(s) assigned to me (see *Save to Share*™ Guidelines). Failure to share in a need assigned to me will result in dismissal from *Save to Share*™ with no possibility of reinstatement.

I have initialed each of the above statements and sign here indicating my agreement. (Required from each participating adult.)

Applicant's signature

Date

Spouse's signature

Date

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### Required Church Information

I/We attend

Denominational Affiliation?

Church address

Church phone

City  State  Zip

Church email

The pastor of your church, a church officer (if you are the pastor), or some other person to whom you are accountable (if you are in a mission church or church planting effort) must complete the Church Leader Verification section below.

### Church Leader Verification

Pastor

Church Officer

Person to whom you are accountable

(If someone to whom you are accountable is providing verification, please describe the relationship below.)

To the best of your knowledge, does the member(s) listed in Section One:

Yes No

Belong to the fellowship of which you are a leader?

Attend services at least three weeks each month (except for illness, travel, etc.)?

Abstain from the use of tobacco and illegal drugs?

Abstain from consumption of alcohol or consume alcohol only in careful moderation?

Abstain from any sexual activity outside of traditional Biblical marriage?

Leader's name

Phone

(Must not be yourself or another member of your immediate household.)

Home  Cell  Office

Leader's signature

Date

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## Membership Fee Calculator

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Please enroll me into the following ministries: (check all that apply and indicate totals)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Main Newsletter Ministry</b> ..... <b>One-time New Membership Fee</b> →	\$ 200.00
<b>Monthly Share</b> <sup>1</sup> <b>■ Regular</b> (both heads of household over age 25) <input type="checkbox"/> One person - <b>\$180</b> per month <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Three or more person family - \$405</b> per month <input type="checkbox"/> Two-person family - <b>\$360</b> per month <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Widowed or divorced with children - \$250</b> per month <p style="text-align: center;">– OR –</p> <b>■ Young Adult</b> (active head of household—either husband or wife—age 25 or younger) <input type="checkbox"/> One person - <b>\$140</b> per month <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Three or more person family - \$355</b> per month <input type="checkbox"/> Two-person family - <b>\$280</b> per month <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Widowed or divorced with children - \$200</b> per month <p style="text-align: right;"><b>First month's Regular share</b><sup>1</sup> → +</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>First month's Young Adult share</b> → +</p>	
– OR –	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Save to Share™</b> ..... <b>\$15 Annual Administrative Fee</b> → (Optional ministry for needs that exceed \$250,000—see Section 4) Include only the <i>Save to Share™</i> annual administrative fee of <b>\$15</b> in your payment. <b>You should not send your <i>Save to Share™</i> set-aside funds to Samaritan Ministries.</b>	+
<b>Total Fee(s) + First Month's Share</b> \$ <i>Total</i>	

<sup>1</sup> Share amounts can only be increased by a vote of the members. See Section IV.A.2 of the Guidelines.

Please send your payment to **Samaritan Ministries**, for applicable administrative fees plus the first month's share, along with this completed application form to: **Samaritan Ministries, PO Box 3618, Peoria, IL 61612-3618**

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## Important Notices

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**A** This ministry is not operated by an insurance company nor is it offered through an insurance company. Samaritan Ministries and its members assume no responsibility for your medical bills. Whether you receive any share money to help you with your medical needs will depend on the voluntary giving of your fellow members as an expression of Christian love, but no matter how much money you receive, you always remain solely responsible for payment of your own medical bills.

**B** Samaritan Ministries retains the absolute discretion to accept, reject, or qualify your membership. You should not assume that your application has been accepted until you have received a written confirmation from Samaritan Ministries. (However, your membership will not be refused based on your age, health, or family size.) The normal 90-day waiting period for having needs published has been suspended until further notice. It could be reinstated in the future at the discretion of Samaritan Ministries.

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## Household Information

To be used only by Samaritan Ministries to better serve our members.

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I would prefer not to participate.