



THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

1345 Avenue of the Americas, Thirty-Third Floor
New York, NY 10105



Eligibility

Those who are interested in joining the Holland Society of New York are able to do so through two means: through regular membership or by becoming a Friend of the Society.

- **MEMBERS:** You may be eligible to become a member if you are a descendant (male/female) **in the direct line** of:
 - A Dutch native or Dutch resident of New Netherland or the American colonies (now a part of the United States) prior to or during the year 1675,
 - A person who possessed the right of Dutch citizenship within Dutch settlements in North America prior to or during the year 1675,
 - A resident of a Dutch settlement in North America prior to or during the year 1675,
 - A Dutch citizen, one of whose descendants became a member of this Society prior to June 16th, 1886,
 - A Dutchman who was called to this country as a Dutch-speaking Domine during the Colonial Period.
- **FRIENDS:** Friends membership is open to all who are interested in the Dutch colonial period in America and its legacy. Friends receive the benefits of Holland Society membership, with the exception of voting rights at the Annual Meeting.



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Types of Membership

The Holland Society offers several levels of Membership, detailed below. All membership categories, except the Friends membership and Junior membership, provide the same benefits. Friends and Junior members are not eligible to vote at the Holland Society Annual Meeting.

Membership Type	Age Range	Dues
Friend of the Society	All ages	\$75
Annual Membership	30 years and older	\$125
Annual Membership	18–29 years	\$50
Junior Membership	0–17 years	\$0
Life Membership	0–10 years	One payment of \$1,000; payable, upon request, in two installments
Life Membership	Above the age of 10	One payment of \$2,000; payable, upon request, in two installments

Upon admittance to the Society, an initiation fee of \$125 is collected for Annual Members, Junior Members, and Life Members.

Please note that if a Life membership is purchased, no further dues will be owed throughout the member's lifetime.



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Choosing the Correct Application

The Holland Society of New York offers three types of membership applications, listed below.

- **Legacy Application:** The Legacy Application is for those prospective members who are related to a former or current member of the Holland Society. Prospective members are only required to provide genealogical documentation up to the relative who is/was a member of the Society.
- **New Line Application:** New line applications are for those prospective members who are not related, or are unsure if they are related, to former or current members of the Holland Society. These applications are required to be verified by a certified genealogist prior to approval by the Board of Trustees. Please contact the Genealogy Chair (genealogy@hollandsociety.org) with any questions or for a recommendation.
- **Junior Member Application:** This application is for parents, grandparents, or other family members who are interested in completing a membership application for a child under the age of eighteen.



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Guide to Completing the Membership Application

The Holland Society of New York will only accept completed Holland Society applications. We do not accept applications from other genealogical societies (e.g. completed applications from the Daughters of the American Revolution or Sons of the American Revolution) in place of a Holland Society application. However, you are welcome to use the same references, provided they meet the standards listed below.

Each entry in the line of descent from the qualifying ancestor, or to the person included in an approved lineage of a past or present member, must be documented and tied in with the immediately preceding generation. The membership application has a space for each generation for “supporting documentation.” Please list the supporting documentation you will be providing for each generation, using one line for each document. Supporting documentation can either be attached to an email (in which case, please also provide the file name in the supporting documentation section) or mailed to the office with your application.

Supporting documentation must be included with your application at the time of submission. We do not accept applications without supporting documentation.

Approved supporting documentation include copies of the following:

- Birth and death certificates
- Baptism and marriage records
- Wills
- Dated newspaper clippings of obituaries or announcements
- Photographs of gravestones showing birth and death dates
- Data from published secondary sources, such as:
 - Fully documented and published family genealogies
 - Published histories
 - Family bible records (Bible records can only be used in addition to another source)

If you use a published work as supporting documentation, you must provide a citation, including title, author, place and date of publication, and page number.

We do not accept the following as supporting documentation:

- Online genealogy database family trees (e.g. Ancestry.com, familysearch.org)
- DNA



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Character Reference and Proposer Forms

Completed character reference forms are required only for new line and legacy applications. A completed character reference form is not required for the junior membership application.

If you know a member who will propose you for membership, be certain to have them sign their name on the proposer form. If you do not know any members of the Society, please contact the Membership Chair at membership@hollandsociety.org.

The Character Reference form can be completed by two individuals who know you on a personal or professional level.

Please send the completed, signed application, character reference form, proposer form, and any supporting documentation to Society headquarters, either by mail or to info@hollandsociety.org.

Please do not send admission fees or dues with your application, which will be processed upon receipt by the Membership Committee and the Genealogy Committee before being submitted to the Board of Trustees for its consideration.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Main Office at info@hollandsociety.org or 212-758-1675, or the Membership and Genealogy Chairs, at membership@hollandsociety.org or genealogy@hollandsociety.org.