

Membership Categories, Fees, Privileges and Benefits

Kerala Center Life Mission Fund Member: Any individual or family who pledges to contribute a minimum of \$50,000 or 5% of their net wealth in their life time and/or through the Will can become a member of this Fund as well as the Center. If they do not contribute all the pledged amount during their life time, the balance can be contributed from the Estate. As they contribute the fee applicable to a regular member, they will have the rights and privileges of a Regular Member, contribute the fee applicable to a benefactor, they will have the privileges of a Benefactor, and so on. When they contribute the pledged amount, they will have the full privileges of the **Life Mission Fund Member**. Appropriate and valid legal documents shall be prepared with the help of a lawyer to make the Kerala Center a beneficiary in the Will of a contributor. In the absence of a Will, the application shall be considered as the Will. Returns from the Fund will be used to provide scholarships to children here and in Kerala, to help needy people here and in Kerala and for other good purposes. The contributors will have a greater say in the management of the Fund and distribution to charities, subject to the review and approval of Executives and the Board. The Contributors names will be kept separately identified in the books of accounts and financial statements. Their names may be announced at all meetings, news reports, flyers and advertisements related to the Fund. Their names may be inscribed on the walls of the Kerala Center.

Grand Patron: Any individual or family contributing \$15,000. Grand Patrons are eligible to cast two votes. The names of both spouses will be inscribed and their photographs will be displayed at the Center. Their names will be printed on the letterhead of the Center. Grand Patrons will be lifelong trustees. They shall have the same powers of the Board of Trustees, and shall be invited to all meetings of the Trustees and also to joint meetings of the Board and Executive committee.

Patron: Any individual or family contributing \$7,500. Patrons are eligible to cast two votes. The names of both spouses will be inscribed and their photographs will be displayed at the Center.

Benefactor: Any individual or family contributing \$4,500. Each Benefactor is eligible to cast one vote. The names of both spouses will be displayed at the Center.

Regular Member: Any individual or family contributing \$1,000. Regular members are eligible to cast one vote.

Associate Member: Any individual who is willing to be associated with the Center by filling a membership form and donating any amount. Associate members have no voting right.

Organization Member: Any secular, nonpolitical organization can be a member by contributing \$500 annually. The organization can nominate one member to the Board and General Body.

Donation: The Kerala Center is a public charity organization. We depend on generous donations from public for charity work and continued operation. If you don't want to be in any kind of member categories listed above, please donate by issuing a check payable to the Kerala Center or using the link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=F29VRPT566GUE

Annual Fees: Although an annual fee is not mandatory, all are encouraged to contribute at least \$100 per year to meet operating expenses of the Kerala Center.

Fee in Instalments: If a member is not able to pay the full fee at the signing of the application, it can be paid in instalments with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Auditorium and Conference Room: On a contribution of \$100,000, the Auditorium is available to be named in honor of the contributor or a loved one and the Conference Room for \$50,000. This will be done on a first come, first served basis.