

# HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF SOTC?

Anyone who wants to become a member of SOTC must fulfill two activity requirements:

**1. The first requirement demonstrates your interest in training:**

Candidates must either have earned an obedience title or have completed a training class with SOTC.

**2. The second requirement demonstrates your interest in the club:**

Candidates must attend five general-membership meetings in total, three of them within a twelve-month period:

**1st meeting:** Bring a chair and sign in as a guest. Guests are usually asked to introduce themselves and say something about their dogs.

**2nd meeting:** Same as above.

**3rd meeting:** Request an application from one of the Membership Chairs. Find three sponsors (either from the meeting or from your training class) to sign your application.

**4th meeting:** Give your application to one of the Membership Chairs. At this meeting your application will be read to the members by one of your sponsors or one of the Membership Chairs.

**5th meeting:** Your application is voted on. Three-fourths of the members present and voting must approve your application. You must be present for this vote and must pay your membership fee at this meeting.

**Congratulations! You are now a member!**

***Note:** Only one Holiday/Awards meeting may count toward the meetings requirement. SOTC has special provisions for Family, Junior, and Associate memberships. For class offerings and meeting schedules, visit the SOTC website: [www.sotc.info](http://www.sotc.info).*

## WHY DOES IT TAKE SO LONG?

**We want to get to know you, and we want you to get to know us.**

**Membership is a privilege.** SOTC is a working club. To remain a voting member in good standing, you must have all your financial obligations to the club up-to-date (dues, library fees, class payments, etc.). To be eligible for club-related annual awards, you must be a member in good standing as defined above, and you must have attended at least three general-membership meetings and have worked on at least one club event during the previous year.

## QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, please contact one of the Membership Chairs:

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