

**Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star  
Rite of Adoption for the Stated of SC and its Jurisdiction**

**Non-Blood Line Petition for Membership Packet**

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### **Non-Blood Line Petition for Membership Guidelines**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master E. Spencer Scott, I 33<sup>o</sup> has granted us Open Season from **January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020**. This affords us the opportunity to increase our chapter membership with ladies who can contribute to the growth of our fine order. All rules and regulations set forth must be followed without compromise within this time frame. The months of **January, February and March** are the designated months to receive the petitions, complete the investigations, ballot on the petitioner and initiate the petitioner. The Non-Blood-Line Petitions must be submitted to the chapter by March 31, 2020. This means that you cannot take in ANY applications after March 31, 2020. With each step being a 30-day process, you will have until June 30, 2020 to complete the three-step process. You should continue to reclaim members (Edit #1) as you also recruit new members who meet the Blood-Line qualification. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Petition Fee**

**Non- Blood Line Petitions Fee is \$125.00.** A check or money order made payable to PHGC-OES – SC must be submitted with the approved petition. If petition is rejected this fee will be returned.

**If petition is granted, the petitioner will be responsible for paying dues to the local chapter that she desires to join.**

#### **Non- Blood Line Petitions:**

- **may only be accepted by a chapter during the months of January, February and March.**
- **must be presented to the local chapter that the petitioner wishes to join.**
- **must be submitted with three (3) Letters of Recommendation. One (1) of these three, MUST be from an active member of said chapter (*Form provided*)**
- **Process must be completed by June 30, 2020. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## Instructions for submitting Petition

1. Petition must be completed by petitioner in its entirety.
  2. Petition must have three (3) Letters of Recommendations submitted with it.
    - a. Recommendation from one (1) active member of the chapter.
    - b. Two (2) Recommendations from a community member or co-worker.  
(i.e. Pastor, Civic organization, sorority, professional organization, etc.)
  3. Completed petition is presented to the chapter in regular open meeting.
  4. The petition is given to the Investigation Committee of the chapter made up of three (3) chapter members.
  5. The Investigating Committee conducts the investigation and reports (written and oral) back to the chapter at the next regular meeting.
  6. The chapter votes by secret ballot to approve or not approve the petition.
  7. ONLY approved petitions are sent to the Grand Worthy Matron for Final Approval.
  8. If approval is granted, Initiation can be scheduled for the next regular chapter meeting.
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### Example:

#### **Meeting # 1 - Regular Monthly Chapter Meeting**

Completed petition introduced in regular open chapter meeting.

Worthy Matron assigns petition to Investigation Committee.

#### **Meeting # 2 Regular Monthly Chapter Meeting**

Report of Investigation Committee given to chapter in open meeting.

Chapter ballots (secret) on petition. If approved by the chapter, petition w/ \$125.00 petition fee is sent to Grand Worthy Matron for Final Approval. If Approval is granted, initiation of petitioner can be scheduled for next regular meeting.

#### **Meeting # 3 - Regular Monthly Chapter Meeting**

Initiation of petitioners.

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### Letter of Recommendation

Name of Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State & Zip*

Phone #. Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Work # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### To be completed by the individual making the recommendation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Order of the Eastern Star? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know this individual? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this individual? \_\_\_\_\_

In your opinion, is this individual:

Friendly	_____	Yes	_____	No
Respectful of others	_____	Yes	_____	No
Cooperative	_____	Yes	_____	No
Responsible	_____	Yes	_____	No
Trustworthy/ Honest	_____	Yes	_____	No
Law Abiding	_____	Yes	_____	No

May we contact you by phone if we have further questions? \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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## Non-Blood Line Petition for Membership

To the Worthy Matron, Officers, and members of

\_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ of the Order of the Eastern Star:  
Chapter's Name

Your Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at  
Full legal name

\_\_\_\_\_ in the City of \_\_\_\_\_

and State of \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

solicits the light and privileges of the Order of the Eastern Star in your Chapter. If the prayer of her petition is granted, she pledges her honor that she will, in all respects, conform to the legal requirements of your Chapter, and be subject to the rules and regulations of **District #** \_\_\_\_\_ and the Prince Hall Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

### Please answer the following questions. (O. E. S. Petition Questions)

(To be filled out by Petitioner)

1. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
2. Marital Status: Check One Married: \_\_\_\_\_ Single: \_\_\_\_\_ Widow: \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is this petition being made of your own free will? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you believe in a supreme being? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you have a Church home? \_\_\_\_\_ If so the Name: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you understand we wear **pure white**, dresses/ skirt suits of tea length or longer, stockings, gloves and shoes, **no winter whites**? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you physically and financially able to support the Chapter, District, and State activities? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you willing to attend meetings, workshops and special meetings called by the Worthy Matron, District Deputy or Grand Worthy Matron? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How did you hear about this Chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Why do you want to be a member of this Chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Have you ever made a petition to or been rejected by any Prince Hall Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star? \_\_\_\_\_

12. **If your answer to # 11 is yes**, which Chapter? \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

13. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

14. **If answer to # 13 is yes**, please give date of conviction and explain the nature of the crime.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

15. Are you a registered voter? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Do you pledge on your honor as a woman that all information given on your Petition for membership and this questionnaire is true? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Do you pledge to adhere to the rules and regulations established in the By-Laws and Constitution that governs Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Rite of Adoption for the State of South Carolina and Jurisdiction? \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Petition fee of \$ 125.00 must accompany this application. This fee will be returned to the Petitioner should her petition not be granted.**

**Signature of Petitioner** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed by (Chapter Member's Signature)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the Chapter**

*After careful investigation of the above-named Petitioner,*

\_\_\_\_\_ *we recommend this applicant for consideration to join the Order of the Eastern Star.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **We DO NOT BRING A FAVORABLE RECCOMENDATION.**

**To be signed by Investigation Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chairperson*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Rite of Adoption for the Stated of SC and its Jurisdiction

## Report of Investigation Committee

Name of Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Community Activities/ Organizations that petitioner belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Received \_\_\_\_\_

Is petitioner a registered voter? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Court Record? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Petition Fee paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation of Committee: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Investigation Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_

### For Chapter Use Only

Results of Balloting: Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_ Postponed \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Worthy Matron's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Seal \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Checklist**

The following is to be mailed to the Grand Worthy Matron.

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed approved petition

\_\_\_\_\_ Three completed Letters of Recommendations

\_\_\_\_\_ Investigation Committee Report

\_\_\_\_\_ Check or money order payable to PHGC-OES -SC included.

**Incomplete petitions will be returned without action.**

Please send the above compiled information to:

**Sister Linda Owens Neal, GWM  
Prince Hall Grand Chapter ~ OES ~ SC  
323 E. Wine Street  
Mullins, SC 29574**