



## THE ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD

A 'not for profit' organisation registered in England as Charity No. 290367

Connecting and Supporting Women and Communities Worldwide

### APPLICATION FORM FOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP OF ACWW

#### SECTION 1: CATEGORY

Please **circle** the category you are applying for, see notes at end for definitions

CATEGORY I

CATEGORY II

CATEGORY III

CATEGORY IVa

#### SECTION 2: CONTACT DETAILS

Name of your Society

Year of foundation

Date of this application

Postal Address

Zip / Post Code

Country

Name of contact person

Position in the Society

- An essential part of ACWW's work is to ensure that the voices of rural women are heard when ACWW's UN Representatives attend UN meetings in Bangkok, Geneva, Kuala Lumpur, New York and Vienna.
- We would like to communicate with you and your society on a regular basis to find out your views on important issues that affect rural women in your area.
- Please fill in the following details that are essential for good communication:

Landline telephone number

Mobile number

Are you on WhatsApp?

Yes / No

Email (1)

Email (2)

Skype address

What is the best way of contacting you and your society about important UN and other issues?

How often are you able to check your emails?

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

How will you communicate ACWW messages to your members in rural areas?

**Please inform ACWW Central Office if your contact details change.**

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**SECTION 3: YOUR SOCIETY**

Total number of members?		How many are women?	
Are the Officers of your society elected by the members?		Yes	No
If not, how are the Officers chosen?			
What are the main aims of your society, what was it created to do?			
Please describe briefly the main activities of your society			
Is it a Local society?	It is based in a	Town	Village
			Other (what?)
Is it a Provincial society ?	It is based in a	State	Province
			Other (what?)
Is it a National society?	Yes		No
If a National Charity please give Registration number			
Are your society members	Individual people		Other societies
Website address			
Facebook address			
How does your society expect to benefit from membership of ACWW?			
How do you expect to be able to contribute to the work of ACWW?			
Signed			
Position held			

**SECTION 4: WHAT TO SEND**

The society **must** send this completed Application form **and**

1. A copy of the society's constitution. If such document is not available please send a copy of the up to date rules and regulations.
2. **Two** reference letters from professional persons e.g. Lawyer, Accountant, Doctor, known to the society for at least two years.
3. Where the registered number of a National Charity is **not** available, an additional letter from a local Council Officer or Head of the local Church is also required.

**Unless all requirements are met, submission of application will not be considered.**

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## SECTION 6: IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Applications for membership of ACWW will be considered by the Board or, between meetings, the Executive. Their decisions are subject to subsequent ratification by the Triennial World Conference.
2. Applicant Societies **MUST** closely match the requirements set out below.
3. All Categories receive a copy of ACWW's quarterly magazine 'The Countrywoman'.

### Applicant Societies must meet the criteria for a Category I, II, III or IVa to be eligible for membership

CATEGORY I	Current Membership Fee	£105 + handling (UK Sterling)
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| a) A society or association of women with a minimum of 500 members.   |  |  |
| b) A women's section with a minimum of 500 members, of a rural or agricultural or horticultural organisation or society.  |  |  |
| c) An organisation with a minimum of 500 women members, but no separate women's section.  |  |  |
| d) Category I societies must indicate in writing willingness to support, financially and otherwise, the work of ACWW and shall make a donation annually to the Pennies for Friendship Fund. |  |  |
| e) They shall have 5 votes at Triennial World Conference.   |  |  |

CATEGORY II	Current membership Fee	£64 + handling (UK Sterling)
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| a) A society or association of women with a minimum of 100 members.  |  |  |
| b) A women's section with a minimum of 100 members, of a rural or agricultural or horticultural organisation or society.   |  |  |
| c) An organisation with a minimum of 100 women members, but no separate women's section.   |  |  |
| d) Category II societies must indicate in writing willingness to support, financially and otherwise, the work of ACWW and shall make a donation annually to the Pennies for Friendship Fund. |  |  |
| e) They shall have 2 votes at Triennial World Conference.  |  |  |

CATEGORY III	Current membership Fee	£53 + handling (UK Sterling)
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| a) An umbrella or national organisation consisting of or coordinating activities of independent member societies.   |  |  |
| b) Category III societies must indicate in writing willingness to support, financially and otherwise, the work of ACWW and shall make a donation annually to the Pennies for Friendship Fund. |  |  |
| c) They shall have 1 vote at Triennial World Conference.  |  |  |

CATEGORY IVa	Current membership Fee	£35 + handling (UK Sterling)
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| a) A group interested in the work and activities of ACWW.   |  |  |
| b) Category IVa societies shall be encouraged to make donations to the Pennies for Friendship Fund.   |  |  |
| b) May attend Triennial World Conference, and Area Conferences as space allows, and may speak with permission of the Chairman but have no vote. |  |  |

**Please do not send your membership fee until requested .**

Central Office will contact you once your application has been reviewed.