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The membership application process for 2018 – 2019 is open until August 31, 2018.

Applications for the 2019 – 2020 year will be posted here after August 31st.

The following pages will provide a significant amount of information regarding membership in PSHA.



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Introduction to Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts

Thank you for your interest in membership in Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts (PSHA). PSHA is an all-volunteer non-profit California corporation whose members donate their time and talents to produce the annual Pasadena Showcase House of Design. Founded in 1948, and formerly known as The Pasadena Junior Philharmonic Committee, they adopted the Pasadena Showcase House of Design as their annual benefit in 1965. It is one of the oldest, largest and most successful house and garden tours in the nation.

The Pasadena Showcase House of Design is a complex fundraiser that takes place annually between mid-April and mid-May. Planning takes most of the year, however, the work begins in earnest, in late January when the house is leased from the owner for renovation to transform it into the Showcase House and hold public tours. This is an enormous annual project that requires the dedication and hard work of many volunteers. The multifaceted nature of this project requires volunteers with a myriad of skills and talents.

An essential part of our mission is to nurture the study and appreciation of music and to ensure that music is available to a broad range of audiences. Proceeds from the Pasadena Showcase House of Design support outstanding music and arts programs throughout the community. PSHA has donated nearly \$20 million through its Gifts & Grants program. Examples include the underwriting of concerts, choral productions, musical theater, opera, jazz quartets, marching bands and orchestras at local schools, senior centers, and through many other non-profit organizations. Integral parts of our program are music therapy for at-risk children, scholarships for young musicians and music education at a variety of levels. This is in addition to our longstanding support of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association.

PSHA also funds and produces three annual music programs: PSHA's Youth Concert is a free concert designed to weave musical concepts into an appealing program that is presented at Walt Disney Concert Hall by the Los Angeles Philharmonic for 4,200 fourth grade students. Exceptionally talented musicians, aged 16 to 24, compete for monetary prizes to further their music education in PSHA's Instrumental Competition. Approximately \$36,000 is awarded annually. PSHA's Music Mobile™ program is a hands-on award-winning program that with the partnership of the Pasadena Conservatory of Music is presented to third grade students throughout the San Gabriel Valley. It provides an introduction to classical music, the opportunity to play a selection of instruments and be part of a simulated orchestra.

The success of the Pasadena Showcase House of Design has enabled PSHA to contribute over \$23 million in support of the arts and provide opportunities for over 450,000 young people to discover, enjoy and study music. The programs funded by PSHA have enriched the lives of countless people and brought a lasting legacy to the community.



Criteria and Benefits of Membership

For any questions regarding membership please contact membership@pasadenashowcase.org

Candidates for membership in PSHA should have previously demonstrated the ability to accept responsibility, to fulfill commitments and to work effectively with others. Candidates must:

- Be at least 21 years of age;
- Submit a completed application by August 31, 2018;
- Participate in an interview by August 31, 2018; and
- Provide two references by August 31, 2018. Each reference must be willing to recommend the candidate in writing. References can be anyone who can attest to the candidate's experiences, work ethic, integrity and commitment. As part of the application process references will be contacted to verify and/or expand upon the information provided.

Applying is not a guarantee of an offer of membership.

Membership in PSHA is established by its bylaws and subject to vacancies and the needs of the organization. PSHA considers applicants for membership without regard to race, religion, gender, nationality or ethnic origin, marital status, disability or sexual orientation.

There are a myriad of benefits to membership in PSHA.

Most members volunteer in PSHA because of a deep desire to help provide funding for the arts. Design and architecture aficionados are attracted to PSHA because they enjoy observing the renovation of an estate for the Pasadena Showcase House of Design and the opportunity to learn about new design products and concepts. However, it is important to note that the majority of PSHA positions are not related to design. Most members find a camaraderie that often flourishes into life-long friendships. Many cherished memories have been made at the end of the day as the members debrief and share experiences. Additionally members are offered invitations to a variety of social occasions and two tickets to a concert presented by the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Like all community service, the real benefits are intangible and provide deep gratification. Recently a member was asked about the legendary commitment of PSHA members. Her response was, "It is the personal stories about how these funds impact the community, especially its children, that compels us all to roll up our sleeves and work even harder. It is an honor to be a part of this legacy".



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Requirements for Active Members

We have found that the members who are most involved are the ones who experience a deeper connection to the mission of PSHA and greater satisfaction from participating. PSHA provides several different volunteer opportunities and undoubtedly you will connect with one of the philanthropic aspects. We are very mindful that employment and family obligations often restrict the amount of time and the manner in which one can participate. PSHA tries very hard to work with individuals to help them find ways to meet their PSHA obligations in a manner that is acceptable to both the individual and the organization. However, a project of this scope requires certain limitations that cannot be amended. Applicants should note that the Pasadena Showcase House of Design is open from mid-April to mid-May with pre-staffing from mid-January to mid-April. Meetings are held on Wednesdays.

Provisional Year

For the first year, members are provisional. In addition to the requirements outlined for Active Members they are required to attend two additional meetings: an Orientation Meeting and the Benefit Committee Meeting in January. Throughout the year there are several opportunities available for participation on a voluntary basis to help new members become better acquainted with other members and the organization.

After successfully completing the provisional year, a member with paid employment of over 30 hours per week may choose to change her/his status to Business Member, which has a time commitment at a lower level.

Financial

Annual dues are \$125.00

Music Programs

Staff at one of the PSHA music programs – Youth Concert, Music Mobile™ or Instrumental Competition.

Meetings

Attend the March General Meeting. Attend two additional General Meetings, which are held on the first Wednesday in October, November, January, February, and June or “Punch & Lunch” in mid-April.

Staffing at the Pasadena Showcase House of Design

Work two Pre-staffing shifts (four hours each) during January, February, March and early April. Staff ten shifts (four hours each) while the Pasadena Showcase House of Design is open to the public from mid-April to mid-May. (There is an alternative available for five shifts if it is not possible for a member to work all ten shifts.) Staffing requires the ability to stand for a four hour shift (with one ten minute break) as well as the ability to climb stairs, walk throughout the property and perform additional physical tasks.

Benefit Committee

Every Active member is required to serve on either the Benefit Committee or a sub-committee. These positions require a variety of time. Some positions require a large amount of time spent onsite at the Showcase House while others can be done at home. It is very important that members read the job descriptions posted on the PSHA website before accepting a position so to insure a good match