



Application for **Active/Associate** Membership

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for applying for members with the Society of Camera Operators. Enclosed you'll find the Society's membership application for Active and Associate membership. In order to consider your request, please complete the form and return it by postal mail with your initiation fee payment attached. Your application will be voted on at the next monthly Board of Governors meeting.

What is the difference between Active and Associate membership?

Active Members are able to demonstrate significant accomplishments as a camera operator with noteworthy credits and experience for a period of five years or more with operating being a significant part of their primary professional effort. Active Members may vote and use the SOC post-nominal initials after their name for camera operating screen credits.

For industry professionals who share a mutual interest in the craft of camera operating, we offer the proud alliance of "Associate Member." Associate membership is encouraged as a dignified intermediate step toward Active membership for those waiting to qualify as Active, or for those engaged in a related technical area such as: directors of photography, directors, camera assistants, etc. who do not claim camera operating as their main professional focus.

ACTIVE Membership Qualifications:

- Your name listed in the membership roster on the SOC website and in the *Camera Operator* magazine
- Be able to demonstrate significant accomplishment as a camera operator with noteworthy credits in your area of concentration.
- Be able to provide credits demonstrating your experience as a camera operator for a period of five (5) years or more.
- In addition, being a camera operator must be a significant part of your primary professional effort. Directors of photography and director/camera operator must be operating their own camera on the majority of everything they shoot.
- You must be sponsored by an Active member in good standing and that individual must sign your application. If you do not have a sponsor, you must include three letters of recommendation from industry professionals (at least one of whom must be a director of photography.)

ACTIVE Membership Benefits:

- Use of SOC initials after your name for camera operating screen credits only.
- Full voting privileges for Society's elections and Awards.
- Ability to run for committees and board seats.
- Your name listed in the membership roster on the SOC website and in the *Camera Operator* magazine.
- Various editorial and speaking opportunities representing the art and craft of camera operating
- Access to meetings, seminars and Society functions.
- Subscription to the Society's quarterly magazine: *Camera Operator* magazine and membership eNewsletter.

ASSOCIATE Membership Qualifications:

Associate membership is available to those who do not meet the criteria for Active membership, but share mutual interests with camera operators or are engaged in any technical area. This would include directors of photography, directors, camera assistants, technical directors, technical specialists and so forth.

You must be sponsored by an Active member in good standing and that individual must sign your application. If you do not have a sponsor, you must include three letters of recommendation from industry professionals (at least one of whom must be a director of photography.)

Associate Membership Benefits:

- Your name listed in the membership roster on the SOC website and in the *Camera Operator* magazine.
- Various editorial and speaking opportunities representing the art and craft of camera operating
- Access to meetings, seminars and Society functions.
- Subscription to the Society's quarterly magazine: *Camera Operator* magazine and membership eNewsletter.

Where To Send:

Society of Camera Operators
Attn: Membership Committee Chairperson
PO Box 2006
Toluca Lake, CA 91610



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Check# _____
Amount: _____
Date: _____

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Type of Membership: Active Associate Reinstate

Select Active or Associate

If selected Active but do not qualify, would you like to be accepted as an Associate Member? YES (you will receive a refund for the difference) NO (you will receive a refund for the full amount)

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email _____ Website: _____

Providing your email address grants us permission to keep you informed of SOC news and events via this medium. It will not be sold or provided to any third party for any reason. All SOC email originates from our Webmaster. You may opt-out any time.

IMdB Link: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Years in television, motion pictures or broadcast related field: _____ Years in present position: _____

Specialized skills: 3D Aerial/Drone Digital ENG
 Geared Head Remote Head Skiing Steadicam
 Underwater – certified diver Other _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Sponsor's Phone: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Sponsor's Email: _____

As the applicant's sponsor, I ensure that the foregoing applicant wishing to be an Active Member in the Society of Camera Operators (SOC), is presenting himself/herself as a Camera Operator whose primary occupation is as a Camera Operator with a minimum industry experience of five (5) years in this position shown by dated resume credits. All other applications submitted that do not meet these requirements will be considered as an Associate Member by the Board of Governors of the SOC.

Fees:**Initiation (One-Time)**

Submit with application

Dues (Annual)

due by September 1st of each year

Active Membership	\$250	\$175
Associate Membership	\$100	\$115
Reinstate – Active Membership	\$200	
Reinstate – Associate Membership	\$140	
Upgrade – Active Membership	\$150	
Upgrade – Associate Membership	No fee	

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PRESIDENT: _____ Date Approved: _____

APPROVING BOARD MEMBER: _____ Approved Membership Type: _____