



Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.

Application Information for LAOH, Inc. National Life Member 2026 National Convention

According to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. National Constitution, Article IV Membership, Section 15, "A citation of Life Membership may be conferred on a member of the Order who has performed OUTSTANDING AND DISTINGUISHED service to Hibernianism for at least twenty-five (25) consecutive years."

Further, the National Constitution states the following:

- A. Candidates for National Life Membership shall be proposed in writing stating the member's OUTSTANDING AND DISTINGUISHED service to the Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. including the offices held.
- B. Proposals for National Life Membership must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of their respective Division, County Boards, if applicable, and State Board in writing from each level and submitted to the National Board.
- C. Proposals for National Life Membership must be submitted by the candidate's Division Board President, with the approval of the County Board, if applicable, and forwarded to the State Board for their approval, then forwarded to the National Board.
- D. The National Board, by a simple majority (51%) vote, will award a maximum of five (5) National Life Memberships per year.
- E. No per capita tax or dues shall be required of National Life Members. National Life Membership shall be continuous as long as the member remains active on a Division roster.
- F. A certificate of National Life Membership shall be issued by the National Board within two (2) weeks of approval.
- G. National Life Membership shall automatically be conferred on all Past National Presidents.

Instructions: The application process entails two (2) parts: Part 1 requires that the Application Form be completed and Part 2 requires that a Written Narrative, which explains the Candidate's OUTSTANDING AND DISTINGUISHED service to Hibernianism. The completed application and accompanying Written Narrative must be postmarked forty-five (45) days prior to the National Convention. For States that have deadlines prior to 45 days before the National Convention, they should follow their State By-laws in submitting their candidate through the appropriate channels in their respective State. (An example of this is New York State. They require that the application for Life Member be submitted in April.) The completed National Life Member Application and written Narrative must be submitted **by June 1, 2026**, to National Secretary Cathy Turck, by USPS mail – 108 West Creek Lane, Altamont, NY 12009 or electronic mail - natlsecretarylaoh@gmail.com

For a candidate to be considered for National Life Member, the Application Form must be completed with the signatures of the Division President, County Board President, if applicable, and the State President. The signature of the respective level President certifies that the application and written narrative have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at each respective level.

In the written narrative, there is to be no reference to the candidate's name, Division, County, if applicable, or State, or any other references that may identify the Candidate. Only the written narrative will be provided to the National Board Members to be used in voting for National Life Member.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please reach out to the National Secretary, Cathy Turck, by email noted above or by phone -518-369-2813.

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2026 Application Form for National Life Member

Instructions: Please Print unless directed to provide a signature

Proposed Candidate's Legal Name _____

Candidates Address _____

Date Candidate Initiated into the Order _____

Date Candidate received her Degrees _____

State President's Name _____

State President's Email Address _____

State President's Phone Number _____

Certification: By affixing my signature on the appropriate line below, I certify that the proposed candidate meets the requirements for National Life Member as stated in the LAOH Inc. National Constitution and that this application and the accompanying written narrative were approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at the respective level on the meeting date specified.

Division Name/County/Number _____

Meeting Date Candidate Approved _____

Name of Division President (please print) _____

Signature of Division President _____

Division President's Email Address _____

Division President's Phone Number _____

County Board Name _____

Meeting Date Candidate Approved _____

Name of County Board President (please print) _____

Signature of County Board President _____

County Board President's Email Address _____

County Board President's Phone Number _____

State Board Name _____

Meeting Date Candidate Approved _____

Name of State Board President _____

Signature of State Board President _____

This Application Form and the Written Narrative are to be postmarked **45 days prior to the National Convention (June 1, 2026)** and submitted to the National Secretary Cathy Turck, 108 West Creek Lane, Altamont, NY, 12009. If submitted by email, the date stamp on the email will be used as the submission date. Please email to: natlsecretarylaoh@gmail.com with the subject line "National Life Member".