



Membership of World Odia Society (WOS) :

Members constitute the core and they are the true ambassadors of the organization. In line with the vision and mission and objectives of “World Odia Society”, it is prudent to pursue excellence in promotion and propagation of Odia culture by bringing together all Odias across the globe under one umbrella and work on all round development of our state in the area of social, economic, education, culture and tradition, women empowerment, uplift the standard of living, support to needy people with sustainability and integrity to make it progressive and vibrant Odisha. To accomplish this mission, membership plays a vital role so as to provide a mutually supportive environment for the better interaction of Odias residing in different corners of world and in the motherland as well, through friendship and fellowship to foster a balanced and harmonious society through promotion of creativity and celebration of Odia cultural values and ethos.

The member shall adhere to the core values such as respect religion, dignity and culture of the fellow members, maintain integrity and demonstrate ethical conduct and subscribe to the visions, mission, objectives and provisions prescribed in the By-laws of World Odia Society (WOS). The member shall take pride in being an Odia and hailing from his motherland Odisha. The members of WOS shall take active interest in promoting activities in the understanding of the Odia culture and enrich Odia heritage through cultural, social, educational and developmental activities. The members shall be connected to Odisha and shall have willingness and skills to participate in overall development of our state. The integrity of member of WOS shall be non-communal, non-religious and possessing non- profit making motive and shall have no intention to utilise the name of WOS for his/her personal interest or gain/mileage.

WOS membership criteria :

Following criteria are laid down to become a member of World Odia Society :

- The regular membership of WOS shall be open to all Odias of age 18 years or more residing across the globe whether inside Odisha or outside Odisha with special focus particularly on Odias residing in different countries outside India and in different states of India outside Odisha. Apart from the above, Odias, any other person keen to work for the development of Odisha may be considered for membership of WOS.
- WOS shall encourage and accord membership to certain dynamic people, activists, dignitaries residing in Odisha to reach out to grass root level, understand issues and implement in Odisha. For this reason, representatives from each district, Industrial and Urban belts may be considered for membership.
- Apart from the regular membership of WOS, there shall be a provision of giving honorary membership to the notable and reputed Odias either residing in Odisha or outside Odisha as their representation and blessings will contribute in guiding WOS and help in bringing our projects to life smoothly through their influence. Any regular member of WOS may propose the name of the person of repute for honorary membership to the committee. However, the decision to accord honorary membership lies with the membership working committee of WOS.
- WOS membership shall be broadly categorized into regular annual membership, life membership, family membership, honorary membership and patrons.

- Regular Annual membership shall be renewed every year and maximum 3 months grace period shall be provided for renewal process. Upon completion of the grace period the members shall lose their membership benefits.
- Request for the new membership or renewal of membership shall be submitted to the "Membership working committee" of WOS chaired by Chairman of WOS using prescribed application form. This form either may be of digital link form or hard copy. Duly filled forms shall be submitted to WOS mail id or handover in person to the membership working committee. However, the committee reserves the right to verify the information provided in the application form and accord membership.
- The Regular annual membership contribution shall be INR 1000/- per year. Non-payment of membership is liable for withdrawal of membership.
- Life time membership contribution shall be INR 10,000/- for entire life.
- Once the membership of someone is cancelled, to reactivate the same the member shall have to pay additional amount of INR 1000/- whether regular annual or family or life-time membership.
- There shall be no membership fees for Patrons and honorary members.
- Husband and wife and their children more than 18 years are eligible for family membership of WOS. In family case the annual membership is INR 2000/-.
- The membership once paid, shall not be refunded under any circumstances.
- All paid members shall have the rights to participate in the selection of executive body or can nominate themselves for core committee members.
- Many countries and many states do have more Odia population residing there and also may be multiple Odia associations. These individual associations or country shall have minimum of 100+ members. Such association can nominate 3 members from their association to be the members of WOS. The associations having 25 to 100 members can nominate 2 members from their associations including their head of the association. Countries or associations having less than 25 members can be represented by one member from their country or associations to WOS. These members may change as per the selection process and tenure of their respective associations. Such initiative may lead to a positive outcome and unite all the organizations of respective countries.
- The member shall have the rights to nominate himself/herself to any of the core or functional working committee of WOS mentioning his interest and capabilities and his past record in engaging or pursuing such activities.
- Resignation of membership will be accepted from any member at any time by submitting the request to executive body/core committee and feedback from the resigned members shall be honoured and viewed constructively.
- WOS reserves right to cancel membership of any person without any notification. However, the cancellation of any particular member can be done by the executive body/core committee with 2/3rd majority.
- It is the duty and responsibility of the members to contribute in their own way within their ethical limit, respect other members' views and actively participate in all activities so as to maintain and enhance the honour, image and happiness and health of WOS.
- WOS members shall behave professionally and appropriately in all events, forums, discussions and communications.
- WOS membership working committee shall ensure proper representation of Odias residing in various parts of the world, i.e. all the countries to strengthen WOS.
- The decision of WOS membership working committee is final and binding with regard to the subject of membership.