



**SACRAMENTO ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**Objectives of the Council**

- To provide a forum where estate planning professionals in the Sacramento Valley area may exchange views and become better acquainted with each other and their work;
- To encourage better understanding and cooperation among professional individuals who participate in any of the various phases of estate planning; and
- Generally, to promote the best interest of members of the Council and those of the general public through helpful service in matters of estate planning.

**Qualifications for Membership**

- Applicant must be actively practicing in the area of estate planning within one of the following designated classifications:
  1. Accredited Valuation Experts
  2. Attorneys
  3. Certified Public Accountants
  4. CFP/ChFCs
  5. Chartered Financial Analysts
  6. Chartered Life Underwriters
  7. Educators
  8. Planned Giving Professionals
  9. Officer Representatives of Trust Companies
  10. Private Fiduciaries
- Applicant must be recommended by three professional Estate Planners (two references and a sponsor). These three must all be current members of the Council, **and only one of the three can be from the applicant's profession.**
- Membership period runs July 1 through June 30. For those applying from July through December of the current membership period, the membership dues of \$235 must be remitted with the completed application. For those applying from January through June of the current membership period, membership dues of \$117.50 must be remitted with the completed application. In either case, these dues will cover membership through the balance of the membership period ending June 30. Payment will be refunded if applicant is not accepted for any reason.
- Applicant must attend two general membership meetings prior to consideration of the application by the Board of Directors.** The SEPC Technical Forum counts as a meeting for this purpose. The Annual meeting and Holiday party do not qualify. The sponsor must certify in writing that the applicant qualifies for membership.
- Under no circumstances may an applicant from one of the designated classifications be accepted for membership if such acceptance would result in that classification constituting more than 40% of the total Council membership.