



## Friends of CoG Application Form

Please *print* or *type* your information. **Forms that are illegible or incomplete will cause a delay in the application process.**

<input type="checkbox"/> I am applying as a <b>Friend of CoG</b> . (Tax-deductible tithe of \$25 - 45.)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my Letter of Introduction (required).				
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my Letter of Recommendation (optional but strongly recommended).				
SECRET	COG	PUBLIC	OUT REACH	← <b>Membership Information and Confidentiality Levels</b> (See bottom of page for explanation.)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roster Name (Published)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact Name (if different)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Street address or PO Box
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	City, State, Zip
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Main Cell Phone
				Main Home Phone
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Main eMail Address
				Member website URL (if any)
				Social Media

The **Roster Name** and **City & State** will be published in the Covenant's Roster in the newsletter and must be either Public or Outreach. If you don't wish your name to be published, use a craft name or "anonymous" as your Roster Name. The **Contact Name** is the name that will appear on your mailing label for all official Covenant business if sent via Postal Mail. Other information not designated will default to **Secret**.

### Confidentiality Levels:

- Secret** *Known only to the CoG Board of Directors (National and Local)*
- CoG** *May be shared with CoG Members*
- Public** *May be revealed or published as appropriate (i.e., membership roster)*
- Outreach** *Actively networking - please circulate within CoG as necessary*

Please complete the entire form and return it with your tax-deductible check (payable to *Covenant of the Goddess*), or use the PayPal button at the bottom of the webpage - [www.cog.org](http://www.cog.org), to:

**Covenant of the Goddess**  
**National Membership Officer**  
**PO Box 12193**  
**San Bernardino, CA 92423-2193**

**I hereby attest to the following statements in the Name of the Goddess:**

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18).
2. I agree that I will hold harmless any Officers or Committee of the Covenant and any committee members acting in their official capacities.
3. I realize that being accepted as a Friend of CoG in no way entitles me to Membership in the Covenant and that I must apply in the usual manner should I wish to become a Member.
4. I acknowledge that only the National Officers (and any applicable Local Council Board) shall have access to my information, unless permission is otherwise granted by me.
5. I may give my permission for my contact information (Roster Name, email, phone, text, etc.) to be shared with Local Councils and CoG Members, in order to be informed about upcoming events. If I don't give permission, only my City and State will be published in the Roster, with Anonymous in place of a name.
6. I may sign up to receive emails from CoG via electronic lists or forums.
7. I may have access to a closed social media group (*coming soon in 2020*).
8. I acknowledge that the Covenant reserves the right to terminate association with me at any time for any reason.
9. I will maintain the confidentiality of all Friends and all Covenant of the Goddess Members.

Once accepted as a Friend, you will receive a welcome packet, and a CoG publication at least once per year.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I give permission for my contact information (Roster Name, email, phone, text, etc.) to be shared with CoG Members to be contacted about opportunities to network.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to subscribe to those CoG's electronic lists or forums which are open to Friends.
Print name:	Date:
Sign name:	PayPal or Enclosed: \$

<b>For National Membership Office Use Only</b>	
Date received by National:	Amount Enclosed: \$
Date check deposited or forwarded to National Pursewarden:	
Date forwarded to Publications Officer:	
Date Welcomed in Newsletter:	

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THE FRIEND APPLICATION**

**Article 9: Ethics**

**A. Policy and Purpose**

The Covenant strongly encourages its Members to comply with the Code of Ethics described in *Article 9, Section B, Code of Ethics*. The Covenant recognizes that ultimately questions of ethics violations are between individuals and their Gods.

**B. Code of Ethics**

The following shall constitute the Code of Ethics of the Covenant:

1. An ye harm none, do as ye will.
2. Since Our Religion and the arts and practices peculiar to it are the gift of the Goddess, membership and training in a Coven of members of Our Religion are bestowed free, as gifts, and only on those persons who are deemed worthy to receive them; nevertheless, a Coven may expect each of its members to bear a fair share of its ordinary operating expenses.
3. All persons have the right to charge reasonable fees for the services by which they earn a living, so long as Our Religion is not thereby exploited.
4. Every person associated with this Covenant shall respect the autonomy and sovereignty of each Coven, as well as the right of each Coven to oversee the spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical development of its members in its own way, and shall exercise reasonable caution against infringing upon that right in any way.
5. All persons associated with the Covenant shall respect the traditional secrecy of Our Religion.
6. Members of Our Religion should ever keep in mind both its underlying unity and the diversity of its manifestations and should make clear on any communications just whom they are speaking for or about.
7. These ethics shall be understood and interpreted in light of one another, and especially in light of traditional laws of Our Religion.
8. Board Officers or appointees are morally obligated to recuse themselves from any adjudicatory decision in which there is a perceived problem of partiality.

**C. Ethics Violations**

The Covenant recognizes the following to be ethical violations:

1. Knowingly and willfully making a false statement to any Council, Board, Committee, or other duly constituted agency of the Covenant; also, knowingly and willfully making a false statement about the Covenant to non-members.
2. Theft of Covenant property, commission of fraud upon the Covenant, or the intent to defraud the Covenant;
3. Persistent refusal to abide by the provisions of the Charter, these Bylaws, or such decisions of the Council as are necessary for the continued viability and usefulness of the Covenant as an instrument of the joint will of the Members;
4. Willful violation of the confidentiality provisions of *Article 10, Confidentiality*, of these Bylaws;
5. Such persistent use of the veto power that the usefulness or viability of the Covenant is seriously threatened;
6. Misrepresentation by an individual or a Coven of that individual's or that Coven's status within the Covenant; or
7. Deliberate intimidation, coercion, or manipulation of any individual, against that individual's will, at any business function of the Covenant.