



# Membership Application Form

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The Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SGGEE) is a genealogical group dedicated to providing a forum for people interested in the ancestry and history of Germans from western Ukraine (in particular Volhynia), as well as Poland, including the former German provinces of East and West Prussia, Posen and Silesia.

### Contact Information

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Membership                      Family Membership  
 (Check one. See next page for Membership descriptions and cost)

### Pedigree Data

For our Pedigree Database, you are requested to submit a pedigree chart or family group sheet with your completed Membership Application, either on paper, or in electronic form. If you submit in electronic form, please provide your data in the form of a GEDCOM file (any genealogy program will create this file, but if you need assistance, send us an email and request assistance). We request that your data include yourself (including maiden name, if applicable) and how you are linked to others in the submittal, as we will send you all data on all persons related to you in our data base, if we know who you are. See Note 2 on the next page for more information.

### Language Skills

High German	Fluent Written	Fluent Spoken	Only Basic Skills
Low German	Fluent Written	Fluent Spoken	Only Basic Skills
Polish	Fluent Written	Fluent Spoken	Only Basic Skills
Russian	Fluent Written	Fluent Spoken	Only Basic Skills
Ukrainian	Fluent Written	Fluent Spoken	Only Basic Skills
Lithuanian	Fluent Written	Fluent Spoken	Only Basic Skills
Other _____	Fluent Written	Fluent Spoken	Only Basic Skills

### In which of the following would you consider assisting?

Research Projects    Translation of films and documents  
 Extracting data from films and documents    Computer data input

Not Sure    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this form, the applicant agrees to comply with the bylaws of the society. Membership application and dues will not be accepted without signature.*



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## ***Membership Description and Privileges***

### *Individual Membership*

Individual Membership may be granted to any person who is interested in the objectives and purposes of the Society, agrees to abide by the constitution and bylaws of the Society, pays the dues of the Society, and is approved by the Membership Committee.

Individual members in good standing have the right to:

- (a) attend and to vote on any issue at any general meeting of the Society;
- (b) stand for election to an elective office in the Society if 18 years of age or older;
- (c) receive for the current year, one copy of each issue of any newsletter published by the Society (see Note 1)
- (d) have access to any libraries established by the Society
- (e) have access to the web site of the Society
- (f) join any Branch of the Society in accordance with such Branch's regulations.

### *Family Membership*

Where more than one person in a household joins the Society, the membership may be classed as a Family Membership. Each person included in a Family Membership shall have the rights of an Individual member except that the household shall receive only one copy of any publication or newsletter of the Society.

Yearly Membership Dues for Individual or Family - January through December

Canadian residents - \$40 Canadian currency (Cheque or Money Order)

United States residents - \$40 US currency (Cheque or Money Order)

\*European Union residents - €30 or \$40 US currency (see note)

\*All others - \$40 US currency (see note)

\*Note: European Union & other foreign applicants are encouraged to pay in cash to avoid the extremely high bank service charges for transfers of small amounts of currency. Bank Money Orders or cheques, if drawn on US or Canadian banks, are also acceptable.

### *Other Notes*

**Note 1: All email queries regarding membership and web site access are to be directed to [membership@sggee.org](mailto:membership@sggee.org).** All correspondence, newsletters, notices etc., will be made available to members of the Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SGGEE) via our web site on the Internet ([www.sggee.org](http://www.sggee.org)), also by direct E-mail to each member. Those members not connected to the Internet and unable to receive E-mail will receive correspondence, newsletters, notices, etc., by conventional postal services. It is the responsibility of each member to inform the Membership Committee chairperson of any changes in E-mail or postal address.

**Note 2:** All applicants are urged to forward, either with their application, or shortly after, those portions of their pedigree chart which contain any persons of German ancestry who were born in Germany, present-day Poland (including Prussia, Posen and Silesia), or the Ukraine, including those born in other lands, if their ancestors lived in any of the previously noted places. Please also include the data on spouses of such individuals, and all extended family with the same noted ancestry. The data is requested as a GEDCOM file (any genealogy program will generate such a file, but if you have difficulty, please send us an email for assistance). We will also accept paper copies of pedigree data, and research interests lists, both of which we will convert to electronic form. The more data you supply, the greater chance we will be able to help you extend the length and breadth of your family history, as we are continually merging data from all members, as well as that from original records to link families together.