



## Membership Information

### THE SOCIETY OF SCOTTISH ARMIGERS, INC.

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The Society of Scottish Armigers, Inc. (SSA), was established in 2001 as a non-profit, California corporation which has been recognized by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a not for profit organization, *i.e.*, 501(c)(3). The Society has several levels of membership – Individual (full, junior and associate) and Organization Membership.

Individual Memberships are limited to those people who possess Scottish Arms (full or junior) or are in the process of acquiring Scottish Arms (associate). Scottish Armigers are individuals (1) whose armorial bearings are recording in the *Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland* as either an original grant or matriculation of arms; or (2) who are entitled to use their parent's or grandparent's undifferenced arms that are recorded in the *Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland* as either an original grant or matriculation and, if living, debused with either a three-point or five-point label (*i.e.*, the three-generation matriculation rule) [Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, *Scots Heraldry*, Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd, 1956 (2nd edition), page109].

Organization Memberships are limited to organizations that have purposes consistent with the Principles of the Society; normally, this includes Clan Society and Celtic/Gaelic professional, educational and cultural organizations. Junior, Associate and Organization Memberships are non-voting categories of membership.

The Mission of the Society is to provide the Scottish-American and Celtic/Gaelic Community with an educational service organization capable of providing guest speakers knowledgeable in the various customs and traditions of Scotland, thereby providing for a better understanding of Heraldry, Clan Law, and the many and varied traditions that represent Scottish Culture.

For full and associate individual membership there is a one-time application fee of \$100.00 [USD] for membership that includes the first year's dues. Annual dues are currently \$30.00 [USD] and are due January of each year. For full membership please include proof that you have Scottish arms (as defined above), *i.e.*, a digital photograph and typescript of your grant/matriculation document, *etc.*, along with your curriculum vitae or a short biography. For associate membership please include a signed/dated copy of your petition for arms, a short biography and proof of your petitions receipt at Lyon Office.

Junior membership is open to those individuals who are entitled to use their parent's or grandparent's undifferenced arms that are recorded in the *Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland* as either an original grant or matriculation and, if living, debriused with a either a three-point or five-point label (the three-generation matriculation rule) and a short biography. Junior members only pay an application fee of \$50.00 [USD] and are waived for paying annual dues until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday at which time they can choose to remain members and pay annual dues or drop their membership.

For Organization Membership there is a one-time application fee of \$300.00 [USD], for membership, which includes the first year's dues. Annual dues are currently \$50.00 [USD] and are due January of each year. In all cases, your application will be presented to our Board of Governors for approval. We look forward to hearing from you and working to further the knowledge of Scottish Heritage and Culture.

SSA encourages its members to support The Heraldry Society of Scotland (HSS) by joining that Society and having their armorial bearings posted on the HSS web site: ([www.heraldry-scotland.co.uk](http://www.heraldry-scotland.co.uk)). For further information contact HSS.

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