



WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF
YOUTH SECTION

Youth Ordinary Membership Application Guidelines

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World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section (WFDYS) is focused on improving the human rights of deaf children and youth across the world. The WFDYS was established in Vienna, Austria in 1995 and is a section of the World Federation of the Deaf.



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1. Introduction

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide an in-depth explanation for a National Youth Organisation /Section, which wishes to join World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section (WFDYS) as a Youth Ordinary Member.

1.1 The Process

Any National Youth Organisation working in any one of the United Nations (UN) Member States or any Youth Section under any of the Ordinary Member of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) has the right to submit their application to be Youth Ordinary Member (YOM). WFDYS welcomes any applications from any National Youth Organisation / Section, however, the applicant member is expected to respect and to adhere the mission and objectives of WFDYS, as stated in the WFD Internal Rules and Statutes.

Before filling the YOM Application Form out, the WFDYS board has the responsibility to inform the applicant organisation/section to read the rules thoroughly and if necessary, watch the rules explained in International Sign. The applicant organisation/section is not encouraged to send the YOM Application papers with other forms, like camp registration form, camp bidding form, board nomination form or any kind of WFDYS forms in order to avoid confusion and complications.

Once the applicant organisation/section send their YOM application, WFDYS board have the opportunity to review the application forms carefully within a period of two months to ensure that each membership criteria is fulfilled. If necessary, the board might take an active role to stay connected with the applicant organisation/section to see how much of the criteria have been followed and checked off before officially becoming a candidate member.

WFDYS board will send the membership application to WFD who then will approve if the applicant met the criteria.

2. Membership Criteria

Before any youth organisation/section wish to join the World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section (WFDYS), the applicant country is expected to fulfil the criteria as shown below:

2.1 Requirements' criteria

- Providing statutes and/or internal rules in written English where it clearly expresses the voting rights and age group of the organization.
- Submitting annual report on the activities and accomplishments of its organization
- Paying a membership fee annually before the turn of the year.



2.2 General criteria

- Being a formally recognized as a national youth association or section under national deaf association
- Majority or at least 50% of the governing board members are deaf
- President of the youth association or section is deaf
- Having goals and visions that are in accordance with WFDYS's goals and visions

2.3 Specific Criteria

- Accepting the aims and action plan of WFDYS
- Being a non-governmental and non-profit organization
- Holding a democratic way of ruling and governing the organization and structures within the organization.
- Recognizing the principles of International Declaration of Human Rights
- Implementing a General Assembly or similar annually (or biennially)

3. The Rights and Benefits of being a YOM

After the board of WFD officially approve the application from any organisation/section that submitted their application form, the newly joined youth ordinary member gain new rights and benefits:

- The youth association or section can send two delegates to Youth General Assembly with voting rights. However, they cannot participate in WFD General Assembly at the same time.
- The youth association or youth section have the right to host one, or more, of the camps; Children, Junior or Youth Camp. By doing so, they are encouraged to submit their bidding form in prior to Youth General Assembly.
- The youth association or section has the opportunity to submit any of its members to join the board of WFDYS.
- The youth association or section will receive any information or issues related to deaf youth and children.



Appendix No. 1 – The Rights of YOM

What:	YOM	Non-YOM
Attending General Assembly	YES as delegates	YES as observer
Voting-rights in General Assembly	YES	NO
Bid for hosting WFDYS Children and Junior camps	YES	NO
Nominate candidates for WFDYS board	YES	NO
Receive news from - and have a direct communication with WFDYS board	YES	NO
Receive WFD's Newsletter	YES	NO
Participate in WFDYS camp	YES	YES
Host a WFDYS board meeting	YES	YES
Receive support in youth issues from WFDYS board	YES	YES
Receive sponsorship for attending WFDYS camps from WFDYS if WFDYS has funds.	YES	YES



Appendix No. 2 – YOM Application FORM

Organisation Information	
Organisation Name	
Organisation Address	Street Address
	State/Province/Region
	Zip/Postal Code
	City
Contact Details	Phone
	Fax
Email	
Website	
Reason for interest in membership of WFDYS	
Summary of work with deaf youth (e.g. activities performed, organisation's vision and aims)	
Structure of the organisation	
Composition of the board (including balance of deaf and hearing members, gender and home city)	
Legal status (Registration Number/provide a copy of legal document if available)	

Your relations with Ordinary Member (*National Association of the Deaf of your country*):

Please explain if your organisation is independent or a section working with National Association of the Deaf:

Your Youth Group is an independent organisation from the National Association of the Deaf?

Yes No

Your Youth Group is a section of the National Association of the Deaf which is an ordinary member of the WFD?

Yes No

Please explain age groups your organisation works with:

Terms and Conditions

1	Youth Ordinary Membership application shall be subjected to approval by the WFDYS and WFD Boards.
2	Applicant shall be a recognised national organisation of deaf youth in its country, with a clear majority of deaf voting members and board members.
3	Applicant shall read, understand and agree to the WFD Statutes and WFDYS Internal Rules, especially on Article 2 of the WFDYS Internal Rules about Youth Ordinary Members, prior to this application.
4	Once approved, applicant shall concede to the following: Agree to pay the annual membership fee (from January 2020) indicated in the invoice amounting at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100€ for Group 1 • 75€ for Group 2 • 50€ for Group 3 • 25€ for Group 4 WFD Secretariat shall send an invoice upon approval of your membership.
5	Abide by the WFD Statutes and WFDYS Internal Rules and work according to the WFDYS vision and aims.
6	Payment of the annual fee shall entitle Ordinary Member to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Ordinary Membership Certificate; • WFD Newsletters and regular communication through mail-outs and social media; • Full participatory and voting rights at the Youth General Assembly of WFDYS and Extraordinary General Assembly meetings; • Discounts at WFD and WFDYS events; • Other privileges as determined by the WFDYS Board



Acknowledgement

We hereby declare to have done the following:

- Read and agreed to the Terms and Conditions stated above.
- Checked that information given to the WFDYS is true and correct to the best of our knowledge.
- Attached a copy of, together with this application form, our organisation's statutes/constitution in **English**.
- Attached a list of our association's board members, with specific information on each of the individual on their gender, geographic location and whether they are deaf/hard of hearing/hearing

All Youth Ordinary Members must be aware that the failure to pay up to date fees may result in loss of privileges and voting power as per WFDYS Internal Rules Article 3 and WFD Statutes Article 16 as well as result in suspension of the WFDYS:

16.4. Youth Ordinary Members shall be responsible for timely and full payment of annual membership fees to the WFD. The Youth Ordinary Member shall be considered to have resigned, if after three months (3) of the due date no fee is paid

Regarding voting rights, the same rules as for WFD Ordinary Members applies:

11.7 Any Ordinary Member that has not fulfilled their overdue membership fee within three (3) months of the due date of the fee shall not use their voting right in the WFD meetings, nor do they have the right to submit agenda items or participate in the board or award nominations.

(Officers Signature and Name in Block Letters)	(Position in Organisation)	(Place and Date)

For further enquiries, please email to info@wfdys.org. Thank you for your interest in becoming Youth Ordinary Member.



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Appendix No. 3 – OM Verification FORM

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ORDINARY MEMBER VERIFICATION FORM

YOUTH ORDINARY MEMBER:

Verified by WFD Ordinary Member

By signing this form, we recognise the official status of

(Name of deaf youth organisation)

as the National Deaf Youth Organisation of this country and as a Youth Ordinary Member of the World Federation of the Deaf Youth Sections (WFDYS).

By signing this, we recognise the following rights entitled to a Youth Ordinary Member of the WFDYS:

- Send delegates (participants/leaders) to all WFDYS Camps;
- Voting rights at Youth General Assembly;
- Direct access to information and communication from the WFDYS.

We understand that the Youth Ordinary Member application is subject to approval by the Board of the WFDYS and the WFD.

By signing this, I hereby confirm that the Deaf Youth Association/Section is recognised by us and the deaf community:

(Print name)

(Signature)

(Your position)

(Name of your association – WFD Ordinary Member)

(Country)

(Date)



Appendix No. 4 – Payment information

Membership fees and its purpose

The annual fees for a Youth Ordinary Member (starting from January 2020) are the following:

- Group A (High-income economies): **100 Euros (€)**
- Group B (Upper-middle-income economies): **75 Euros (€)**
- Group C (Lower-middle-income economies): **50 Euros (€)**
- Group D (Low-income economies): **25 Euros (€)**

We follow World Bank's official list of World Development Report for Group A, B, C and D. Please email info@wfdys.org to confirm which group category your organisation fall under.

The YOM fees will go to the support of WFDYS work.

WFD Administrative Secretary will be in contact for payment process.