



APPLICATION FOR PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP

Applicant Requirements:

- 1. The Guild recognizes that the term "Handmade Knives" is difficult to define and subject to varying interpretations, but hold that, at a minimum, it requires that a maker personally grind, forge, or knap the blade, and honestly disclose how each component is produced.
2. You may not have any unresolved complaints, lawsuits, or delinquent debts related to your knifemaking business.
3. You must file this completed application with the Guild Director in charge of New Members. Such application must include a written statement briefly explaining your methods of blade fabrication.
4. You must have your work inspected by four Voting Guild Members in good standing and obtain their signatures below.
5. You may not sell knives at the Guild Show until you are assigned a table.
6. Upon notification you must attend and display at the first Knifemakers' Guild Show following such notification. Prior to the show you must present your knives and promotional material for inspection by the Technical Committee. Upon their approval at the Annual Meeting you will be granted Probationary Guild membership.
7. To advance to Voting status you must attend and display at the second Guild Show following Probationary acceptance and again present your work for inspection by the Technical Committee. Upon passing their criteria for acceptance, your name will be presented to the Voting Members for their approval at a Guild business meeting. Note that in unusual circumstances, the Board may, at their discretion, grant a one-year extension of Probationary membership.
8. During the Probationary period, you may not claim Guild membership in your advertising; nor may you use the Guild logo on letterhead, business cards or other printed material.

Applicant Instructions:

- 1. Complete and sign the Application section below.
2. Present this form, along with at least four knives made entirely by yourself, to four Guild members as outlined in Item 4 above. It is your responsibility to ensure that each endorsement is properly completed.
3. Send this completed Application, along with a \$25 non-refundable Application Fee in the form of a check or money order, payable to Knifemakers' Guild.

Applicant's Name (print) _____
Street Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
Country _____ Phone No: _____ Fax No: _____
Email: _____ Website: _____
Signature _____

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIFEMAKERS' GUILD, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE BYLAWS OF THE GUILD.

By my signature below, I certify that I have personally inspected the work of the above named Applicant and found it of acceptable quality for Probationary Membership. I further vouch for the Applicant as a worthy representative of our Guild.

ENDORSEMENTS BY GUILD MEMBERS:

Table with 3 columns: Voting Member's Printed Name, Signature, Date. Rows 1-4.

Received and accepted by _____ Date _____
Guild President or Director in charge of New Applicants