

Theosophical Society of Greater Cleveland, Besant Branch Application for Class / Program / Presentation

QUALIFICATIONS: The Cleveland Besant Branch follows the National and Local bylaws:

Of the three objects, the only one requested to be in sympathy with is the universality of brotherhood without distinction of race, creed, sex, cast or color.

Facilitators must be a member of national and/or local TS for two (2) years.

Date: _____

Name (s) of Presenter, Leader, Facilitator, Sponsor: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Title of **Presentation /Workshop**: _____

Title of **Course/Class**: _____

Description [If more space is needed, attach the details]:

List [**or attach a list**] of Books and Materials to be Used: (please provide outline listing dates, subject, etc.)

Equipment Needed: _____

Day /Date / Time/ Length of **Program / Workshop**: _____

Day / Date / Time & Length of **Class / Course**: _____

Ongoing? _____ (Sept – Dec) _____ (Jan – May) _____

(June, July, August) _____

Deadlines: Ongoing classes must be renewed yearly, on / or before June, with the start of the new class year in mid September; New Classes: June 1 or October 1

Note Disclaimer: The opinions and statements of the speakers, presenters, and facilitators do not necessarily reflect the opinions and beliefs of, or endorsement by the local or national Theosophical Society in America.

Process: Please email this form or send to the Cleveland Besant Branch, or leave a copy in the lodge's office.

By e-Mail: besantlodge@clevelandtheosophy.org

By Mail: Theosophical Society; 2215 Brookpark Road, Parma, Ohio 44134

All applications will be submitted to the Chairperson for Education and/or Programs, who will then present and review them with the Executive Board for final approval.

Please read the Philosophy and the Three Objects of the TS as follows: (next page)

Please sign that you have read the above: _____ Date: _____

The Three declared Objects of the Theosophical Society are:

- To form a nucleus of the universal brotherhood of humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or color.
- To encourage the comparative study of religion, philosophy and science.
- To investigate unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in humanity.

The Philosophy of the Society

The Theosophical Society is composed of individual united by their approval of its objects, by their dedication to promoting brotherhood, and by their efforts to foster religious and racial understanding. Their bond of union is a common search and aspiration for truth. They hold that truth should be sought by study, by reflection, by service, and not imposed by authority as a dogma.

Theosophists consider that belief should be the result of individual study, experience, and insight, rather than mere acceptance of traditional ideas, and that it should rest on knowledge, not on assertion. They see each religion as an expression of Divine Wisdom, adapted to the needs of a particular time and place, and they prefer the study of various religions to their condemnation, their practice to proselytism. Peace is their watchword, as truth is their aim.

Theosophy offers a philosophy that sees the whole universe as alive and interrelated. It affirms an intelligent order and system guiding the cyclical evolution of all life. It recognizes a purpose for existence in the goal toward which the entire cosmos is progressing. It puts death in its rightful place as a recurring incident in an endless life, opening the gateway to a fuller and more radiant existence. It holds that our body, emotions, mind, and intuition are all aspects of our inner nature and that right living is the result of balance and harmony within ourselves and with the world around us.

The Theosophical Society maintains the right of individual freedom of thought for every member. Those who join the Society are not asked to give up the teachings of their own faiths. No doctrine, no opinion, by whomsoever taught or held, is in any way binding on any member of the Society, and no teacher or writer has authority to impose opinions on others. All members are urged to defend and act upon these fundamental principles and also fearlessly to exercise their own right of liberty of thought and of expression within the limits of courtesy and consideration for others. The Society claims no monopoly on the Wisdom Tradition called Theosophy, for it cannot be limited. Fellows of the Society seek to understand this Wisdom ever more fully.

All in sympathy with the objects of the Society are welcomed as members.

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