

Bahamas Philadelphia Foundation

Membership Guide

Connecting Bahamians. Preserving Culture. Building Community.



Bahamas Philadelphia Foundation Membership Information

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Bahamas Philadelphia Foundation (BPF). BPF is dedicated to preserving and promoting Bahamian culture, supporting the Bahamian diaspora, and creating opportunities for fellowship, service, professional growth, and community engagement.

Mission

The Bahamas Philadelphia Foundation aims to cultivate a vibrant and supportive community of Bahamians living in the Philadelphia area, serving as proud ambassadors of Bahamian culture. Our mission is to celebrate and preserve the rich values, traditions, and pride of The Bahamas, offering an authentic and dynamic reflection of our cultural heritage on a global stage.

We are dedicated to fostering a thriving ecosystem where our diverse community, including entrepreneurs, bankers, CPAs, creatives, engineers, realtors, educators, healthcare professionals, students, and so much more, can connect, collaborate, and support one another. By leveraging our collective resources, we strive to establish ourselves as a trusted and influential network within the broader society.

We are equally committed to investing in the next generation through educational initiatives, mentorship, and scholarship opportunities that empower Bahamian students to pursue academic excellence, leadership, and lifelong success. We believe education is one of the greatest pathways to strengthening our community and creating lasting opportunities for future generations.

As we grow, we remain committed to strengthening the roots of our ancestral heritage. We will continue to honor our national identity through annual events, such as the Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony in Philadelphia on July 10, followed by cultural celebrations. We also aspire to introduce our beloved Junkanoo tradition to the Philadelphia Parkway during the Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade, sharing the infectious joy of Bahamian music, art, and culture with the wider Philadelphia community.

Through cultural preservation, educational advancement, community service, and meaningful partnerships, we seek to strengthen the bond among Bahamians abroad while making a positive impact throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In doing so, we will maintain our deep connection to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and inspire pride, unity, and opportunity for generations to come.

Who Can Join?

Membership is open to individuals of Bahamian descent and anyone who supports the Foundation's mission, values, and objectives.

Why Join?

- Members receive a Membership Certificate and an official Bahamas Philadelphia Foundation shirt and pin.
- Connection with a vibrant Bahamian community in the Philadelphia and surrounding regions.
- Networking, professional development, leadership and volunteer opportunities.
- Participation in cultural celebrations, Independence events, flag raisings, and community programs.
- A voice in the future of the organization through voting privileges (Active Members).
- The opportunity to preserve and share Bahamian heritage with future generations.
- And More!



Member Expectations

Members are expected to uphold the mission, conduct themselves with respect and professionalism, support Foundation events, and contribute positively to the Bahamian community.

Membership Categories

Active Membership

- Attend at least 60% of official meetings and events
- Voting rights and eligibility to hold office
- Eligible for member benefits and recognition

Inactive Membership

- Members who do not currently meet active participation requirements
- Remain on membership roster
- Participation in events and activities

Affiliate Membership

- Supporters of the Foundation who participate in events and activities
- No voting rights unless otherwise approved

Membership Dues

Annual membership dues are \$100 and are payable on the registration anniversary.

"Forward, Upward, Onward Together."

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Membership Application

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Annual Membership Form

Member Information

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership Term

Valid for one year from the date of approval.

Purpose of the Foundation

The Bahamas Philadelphia Foundation is dedicated to supporting Bahamian culture, community outreach, and charitable initiatives that uplift Bahamians at home and abroad. Your membership helps fund scholarships, community programs, and cultural events throughout the year.

Volunteer Interests (Optional)

Community Events ☐ Fundraising ☐ Cultural Programs ☐ Youth & Education ☐ Administration/Support ☐

Membership price is \$100 per person per year.

Payment Information

Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Online ☐ Other: _____

Amount Paid: _____ Date Paid: _____ Received By: _____

Signature

I hereby apply for membership in the Bahamas Philadelphia Foundation and agree to uphold its mission and participate in its community initiatives.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Membership ID #: _____ Approved By: _____ Approval Date: _____