



This is a form to become a Member of the *Early Canada Association*, a charitable Not for Profit Corporation in Ontario. In addition to being a Member of this Corporation, you may select which Member Unit you'd like the Corporation to assign you to as a Member. *Please indicate your choice(s) below:*

Butler's Rangers, (American Revolution); Lincoln Militia (War of 1812);

I wish to form a new Member Unit. **The process for becoming a Member is as follows:**

1. Complete this form without a signature and send it to: Early Canada Association. 10 Jeanette Dr. St. Catharines, ON. L2N 6M4. You must send this paper copy and you may *not* email your responses.
2. Someone in leadership will send you via email or post, a copy of the Corporation and the Unit constitutions for you to read on loan. Please have any questions ready for the next step.
3. Someone in leadership will contact you and arrange a time to get together with you for a coffee and talk, and get to know you. This is your opportunity to ask any questions you may have from anything you've read about or from us. At the end, you'll be asked to sign this document and pay your membership fees.
4. Unless there is a concern from you or us that arises from this application or from meeting you, you will be admitted as a Member and should start gathering your clothing & equipment, and attending events with your Unit. Your email will be added to the discussion group on *Yahoo!* so that you can stay in touch with what the Unit is doing. Please contribute to discussion, especially when asked for feedback.

Last Name: _____ Given Names: _____

Children (under 18): _____
(list their names & ages *only* if they are joining the Corporation at the same time as you).

Address: _____
(where applicable, apt #, street #, street name, city name, province/state, postal/zip code).

Mailing Address (if different than above): _____

Phone (Home): _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Fax: _____ Emails: _____
(Your home phone & email will be public to all unit members. Indicate if you want the other contact info available to all members or only unit leadership).

D.O.B.: _____ Health #: _____
(Please list kids' Health Card #'s on the back).

Skills/other hobbies: _____

Allergies or Health Issues: Please list any for yourself or your children. (Please note that this will not affect your application negatively. We would like to know these things in case you have a reaction at events so that we can better respond to your situation with proper treatment and give accurate info to health officials).

Doctor's Name & Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
(Their names, relationship to you, phone numbers).

Reason for Joining. We are excited that you are interested in joining our Corporation & one of its Member Units. Please explain why you want to join this hobby, what got you interested, and why you chose to apply for membership with us. You may use the back, or extra paper if needed.

When you join the *Early Canada Association* you will also be part of a Member Unit. As a Member of both, you are expected to be a positive, contributing Member dedicated to their long-term health and growth. The Corporation's constitution (*Revised & Consolidated Constitution of the Early Canada Association*) and the related Unit constitutions govern what we do, and we only make changes to those documents at Annual General Meetings (AGM) or Special General Meetings (SGM) of either the Corporation or the Unit. Every member must agree to be governed by these documents; highlights of which to make you aware of include:

1. Members are expected to read, understand and abide by the Unit and Corporation's constitutions. As these constitutions are updated in the future, the most recently updated version is that which governs us and to which all Members are required to abide by. Members agree to support the current leadership of the Unit & Corporation and not cause dissension or foster gossip. Members will always speak positively about the Unit & Corporation with others. If Members discover someone speaking negatively about our Unit or its Members, the Member will report this to leadership who will then deal with the issue. Members may discuss at any time with the current leadership, any minor concerns that s/he has as long as it is done in private and in a respectful way. Members may raise more serious issues in a formal way at an AGM or SGM. All Members will abide by the decisions of leadership and what is decided at the AGM/SGM.
2. Reasons to discipline Members or revoke membership include: drug use, repeated drunkenness, causing internal dissension, speaking negatively about the group to non-Members, deliberate safety violations, not paying yearly membership fees, on-going personality conflicts with a large portion of Unit Members, or a withdrawal from participating in re-enactments with the Unit. The Corporation has sole right to make such decisions. Unused portions of membership fees will not be refunded.
3. Members will join the *Yahoo!* discussion group upon receiving the invitation and eventually contribute to discussion. When asked for feedback, Members will respond in a timely manner.
4. Members will ensure their contact information is kept current with the Unit Secretary and/or leadership.
5. Members are encouraged to donate to our Corporation on a yearly basis.
6. Members will adhere to our standards of authenticity, which are higher than the average group. These include: soldiers must be clean shaven; females portraying soldiers is not allowed; clothing should be hand sewn on outside stitching; modern items shall always be hidden and use of them is discouraged; cooking is at a communal fire over wooden limbs; streets must remain clear of all clutter.
7. Members are strongly encouraged to **only** purchase items from our preferred list of merchants, several of whom are in our Unit. Leadership can forward you their contact info. If you wish to use others, you are advised to get the project approved by leadership first because if it is not authentic you cannot use it in the Member Unit.
8. Some Unit meals are done as a group. Members will pay a mess fee. If Members wish to contribute an item to the mess, this cost may be deducted from their total. We can accommodate those with special diets. Always work with the meal coordinator. Female members should help prepare meals; soldiers help with the clean up.
9. Our Unit is strongly influenced by the nutritional ideas of: westonaprice.org/, realmilk.com/, and slowfood.com/. As such, we cook from period recipes with these items and if you have any objections to your family ingesting this food, you may opt out without penalty or alienation.
10. Several members of the Corporation are practising Christians and as such, we have certain rules that reflect this reality and which all Members are expected to adhere to including: intolerance for non-prescription drug use; intolerance for repeated drunkenness; swearing, profanity and colourful language are discouraged.
11. All Members agree to allow the use of their and their children's image to the Unit and the Corporation for the purpose of promotion as outlined in the related constitutions.
12. Members who are under 18 years of age and whose parent is not part of a Member Unit, must sign and have their parent sign a form releasing the Unit and Corporation from liability in case of an accident.
13. Friendship is important; it is the glue that binds us together. Try to foster friendships with other Members.

I have had the opportunity to read & discuss the constitutions of the Unit and Corporation and their related websites, with Unit and Corporation leadership. I freely agree to abide by these documents & this application form to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Witness: _____
(applicant) (current Corporation/Unit Leader)