



Application for Hellenion Minor Membership

Please fill in the required information, print the completed form, sign (and notarize the form if ID is not being included), and mail it to the main Hellenion address given below.
Hellenion, P.O. Box 6033, San Jose, CA, 95150-6033, USA

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Legal Name of Applicant: _____

Email Address: _____

Pagan Aliases (optional): _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different than Residence): _____

Date of Birth: _____

City: _____

City: _____

Initial Dues Payment Method*:

PayPal

Personal Check

Money Order

State / Province: _____

State / Province: _____

An additional donation of

\$ _____ has been enclosed.

Zip code / Postal code: _____

Zip code / Postal code: _____

Country: _____

Country: _____

* Dues are set at \$5 per year. US funds only.

All personal information will be kept confidential, and will be released only as compelled by the civil law or by written permission.

<p>Parent / Legal Guardian: By signing below, you confirm that you are at least 18 years of age, that you are the parent or legal guardian of the minor whose name appears on this application and that you have no objections to said minor being a member of Hellenion.</p>	<p>Applicant: Please read the Mission Statement below, as well as the enclosed bylaws (especially article 2 paragraph 4 dealing with minor members). By signing below, you confirm that you intend to uphold the principles and abide by the policies set forth in the Mission Statement and the bylaws.</p>
<p>I, _____, certify by my signature that I am the parent / legal guardian of the applicant designated above (who is under the age of 18), that I have read Hellenion's Mission Statement and Bylaws, that I am familiar with the activities and forms of worship of Hellenion; and that I hereby give permission for the minor applicant to participate fully in these activities and worship.</p>	<p>I, _____ confirm that I intend to uphold the principles outlined in Hellenion's Mission Statement and I agree to abide by the policies set forth in Hellenion's bylaws. I further confirm that I have read article 2.4 of Hellenion's bylaws and agree to abide by the policies regarding minor members within the organization.</p>
<p>Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____ Date: _____</p>	<p>Signature of minor applicant: _____ Date: _____</p>

Attached proof of age of the parent or legal guardian is required (such as a photocopy of a picture ID) and proof of parent or legal guardian status (such as a birth certificate or legal custody document).

NOTE: If you prefer not to attach a photocopy of your ID for reasons of privacy, a notarized signature will also be acceptable (however, proof of parent or legal guardian status is still required).

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____

Notary:

Hellenion Mission Statement

What We Mean by Hellenic Pagan Reconstructionism:

While the members of Hellenion are of course free to pursue whatever personal religions their hearts and souls commend them to, part of our mission is to provide fellowship and information for people wishing to honor the ancient gods of Hellas with the future intent of reconstructing public rites of the ancient pagan Greek religion.

As such, our concept of Pagan Reconstructionism entails:

- Reverence for the pre-Christian Greek deities and Mysteries.
- A connection with the ancestors, honoring Hestia as the goddess of hearth and home. Within a modern context, this means a concern for family, in its broadest sense, whether by related by blood, spirit, or kinship ties.
- A connection with the Hellenic past. We strive to be as historically (and mythologically) accurate as the state of the evidence allows. When gaps in the evidence, or the realities of modern life, make it necessary to create something new it should be:
- As consistent as possible with what we do know about the ancient Hellas and its colonies throughout the Mediterranean up until the point of the end of the Delphic Oracle in history.
- Clearly presented as a recent innovation. We frown on attempts to advertise something modern and invented as ancient and historical in order to give it an authority (and marketability!) it does not deserve.
- A balanced approach to understanding classical Greek religion which relies on both sound scholarship and poetic inspiration without mistaking one for the other.
- Inclusiveness. While we recognize the importance of an ethnic component in traditional Greek religion, we seek to reconstruct the religious culture of the ancients, not their society. Therefore, we do not rely on genealogy or geography to determine who is a Hellenic Pagan. Just as the Eleusinian Mysteries were open to those who could understand the Greek language, our group is open to all who worship in the ancient Greek tradition today.
- Respect for men and women regardless of ethnicity, color, creed, social status, sexual orientation, or physical ability.
- A moral code inspired by the Delphic maxims which emphasizes the following: know thyself, nothing in excess, and respect for oneself, others, and the gods.

What We Are Not About

As we are concerned with historical accuracy, the public rites of the Greek / Hellenic religion do not include:

- Any of the interpretations of Hermetic philosophy and magic that emerged during the European Renaissance (not the traditions themselves, but their Renaissance interpretations) and/or its modern religions movements that have since been inspired, such as Wicca, neo-shamanism, and the like.
- Eclecticism (as opposed to historical syncretism; combining ancient Greek religion with other cultural traditions that weren't combined historically).
- Foreign cults related to the ancient Greeks and their colonies are appropriate, such as such as the Phrygian Great Mother Kybele, and her consort, Attis. As always, we emphasize that people's personal practices can be as they choose, by their heart and their soul, but what we choose to focus on as a group is strictly on the Hellenic religion.