

MDSS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Please amend any incorrect or missing information and return this form with your cheque made payable to the **"Manitoba Down Syndrome Society"** at 204 - 825 Sherbrook St., Winnipeg, MB R3A 1M5. Our membership fee is \$30.00 and includes a vote at the MDSS Annual General Meeting, three newsletters from MDSS, access to our lending library, free or reduced admission to most MDSS events held throughout the year, and automatic membership in the Canadian Down Syndrome Society. ****Membership remains active for a term of one year commencing on the date the membership application and payment are received.**** Visit us at www.manitobadownsyndromesociety.com

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 Prov _____
 Postal _____

RENEWAL: (check here)

Phone _____
 FAX _____
 Email _____

Parent of a child with Down syndrome? [] yes [] no
 Child's name: _____
 Child's date of birth: ____/____/____
day month year

Personal information provided on this form is used to mail newsletters and information to members. Email is used to update members on current events and other information that arises between newsletters. Date of birth is used to determine age-appropriate programming / topics for chat nights, parent networking sessions, conferences, etc.

Membership Options

- MDSS Membership Fee \$30
(includes automatic membership in CDSS) _____
 - Canadian Down Syndrome Society
ORGANIZATION / GROUP MEMBERSHIP Visit www.cdss.ca \$55

 - Donation to MDSS _____
(Tax receipts given for donations over \$10) _____
- Total Enclosed Cheque Credit Card _____
- Check here if the following statement applies to you:
Note: Due to financial difficulties, I / we are not able to pay for membership. Please add my / our name(s) to your MDSS membership list anyway.

Membership Type
(code)

F = Family
 P = Professional or Organization

Visa or MasterCard

Please print

↑ **Cardholder Name** ↑

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↑ **card number & expiry date** ↑

Opportunities Available to Support the MDSS

Please consider becoming involved either on the board or in the following areas.

- Family Day Events:** Plan and arrange several family events throughout the year.
- Parent Networking Evenings / Chat Nights:** Brainstorm topics and speakers, arrange location, snacks, etc.
- Awareness Week / General Advertising Committee:** Awareness Week - Make arrangements for mall display, place awareness ads in the paper, arrange for TV commercials, send event updates to community papers and radio public service announcements, provide space fillers to Winnipeg Free Press and Winnipeg Sun.
- Education:** Assist with arrangements for **SEE ME BEAUTIFUL** - an annual workshop for educators and parents.
- Buddy Walk / Fundraising:** Help organize the annual Buddy Walk by joining the Buddy Walk Committee.
- Nominations:** Make phone calls to membership if shortages in board positions occur.
- Social Events for Young Adults / Adults with DS:** Arrange for social events, expand database of this group.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR SOCIETY.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

The Manitoba Down Syndrome Society is an organization that provides support, information and awareness about Down syndrome. The Manitoba Down Syndrome Society believes that individuals with Down syndrome have the right to participate fully in all aspects of family and community life.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. **To support individuals with Down syndrome as well as their parents, caregivers and families.**
 - family events to promote networking
 - new parent packages and book
 - visiting parents program
 - office staff to offer regular requests for information and assistance
2. **To build and maintain a communications network from which members can access current, comprehensive information and the latest developments.**
 - newsletter
 - library resources
 - web site
 - email database of current events / information
3. **To enhance public awareness and understanding of Down syndrome.**
 - TV Commercial
 - mall display
 - yearly ad in local paper
 - fillers in Winnipeg Free Press & Winnipeg Sun
 - occasional stories in local papers
 - presentations as requested
 - Buddy Walk
 - bus shelter advertising
 - transit bus advertising
4. **To promote, encourage and support research into Down syndrome and related conditions.**
 - membership and support of the Canadian Down Syndrome Society
5. **To provide an opportunity for individuals with Down syndrome to express their views and concerns and to participate in the direction of the Society.**
6. **To provide forums for the exchange of information and ideas between parents and professionals.**
 - Educator's workshop
 - Parent Networking Sessions / Chat Nights