



Aspirant Membership Application

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes which follow

1 Personal Details

Surname	Other names	Title
First name - by which you would like to be known	Date of birth	Gender
Address		
Line 1		
Line 2		
City/town	Post/zip code	Country
Other contact details: Telephone and email		
Evening:	Daytime:	
Mobile:	Email:	

2 Climbing Experience

How many years have you been climbing?
Other clubs you belong, or have belonged, to:

Aspirant	Please tick the Aspirant type you are applying for
Alpine Mountaineering	<input type="checkbox"/>
UK Mountaineering only	<input type="checkbox"/>

Peak, crag and route	Grade	Companions (Full names)	Style		Date mm/yy	Notes: Including if adverse weather conditions, partially or wholly on skis, and if a camp or bivouac was involved
			Lead Second Solo Guided	Ld 2nd Solo G		

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4 Reasons for wishing to become an Aspirant member

Please state in your own words why you wish to become an Aspirant member of the Alpine Club and details of how you plan to progress to Full membership.

add further sheets if necessary

5 Proposer

All applications need a proposer (see Guidance Notes). If you have one, tick the first box, give their name and **send him/her a copy of this application with the attached letter of support to complete and return to us.** If you don't have one, tick the second box.

I have a proposer and have sent him/her a copy of this application with the letter of support to complete.

Proposer's name (capitals) _____

I do not know anyone eligible to propose me. Please arrange for a member to contact me.

6 Direct Debit Form and Cheque

I attach a completed and signed Direct Debit form. (See Guidance Notes)

I attach my first subscription cheque for £..... payable to **Alpine Club**.

I do not have a UK bank account.

7 Authorisation

In applying for membership of the Alpine Club, I recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. I accept this risk and agree that I am responsible for my own actions and involvement in mountaineering.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

General Data Protection Regulation requires us to inform you that, if elected, relevant information will be held by the club. The Alpine Club has a Privacy Policy which is available on its website.

Please tick to confirm that you have read and accept the Alpine Club Privacy Policy

Communications from other members:

There is a Members' Area on the club's website with a facility (Alpinet) for members to send emails to other members about non-commercial mountaineering activities. Members receive these emails once their account is activated unless they opt out. (You can opt in or out of members' emails at any time.)

Please tick if you do **not** wish to participate in Alpinet.

Address applications to: **The Administrator, Alpine Club, 55 Charlotte Road, London, EC2A 3QF**



Letter of Support - Aspirant Membership

Applicant's Section

Please fill in this section and send a copy of your Application with this page to your proposer, who should complete it and return it to the Club.

Applicant's name (capitals): _____ Date of application: _____

Proposer's name (capitals): _____

Proposer's Section

Please complete, sign and return this form to: **The Administrator, Alpine Club, 55 Charlotte Road, London, EC2A 3QF** email: admin@alpine-club.org.uk.

Regulations governing Aspirant Membership of the Alpine Club, as modified and confirmed in April 2018 are:

Candidates for Aspirant Membership shall have alpine mountaineering experience, which includes roped glacier travel and an ability to competently lead mixed snow and rock climbing to PD grade. Aspirants should have an enthusiasm for the mountains making it reasonably likely that they will qualify for Full membership in due course.

Alternatively, for those mountaineers who do not have any alpine mountaineering experience, but now wish to take their experience to an alpine level, the Club offers Aspirant membership for a fixed term of one membership year. These candidates should be able to demonstrate an ability to competently lead traditional multi-pitch rock routes at grade Severe and have UK winter mountaineering and climbing experience which demonstrate an ability to competently lead mixed winter climbing routes at Grades II – III in Scotland, as a necessary foundation to develop the skills needed for technical mixed snow and rock travel in an alpine environment to enable them to successfully apply for Aspirant Membership with alpine experience or Full Membership within the fixed term of their membership.

For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please comment on the applicant's climbing experience and your reasons for recommending him/her for Aspirant membership.

Proposer

I, (capitals) _____ agree to propose and fully support this application to the Alpine Club.

I **am/am not*** a Full member of the Alpine Club. (* please delete as appropriate).

If you are not a Full member of the Alpine Club, please state the name of the Club of which you are a member and elected officer. _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____



Aspirant Membership Application - Guidance Notes

Step 1: Complete the Application Form

Section 1 Personal details

This is self-explanatory. It is important that you provide us with an email address.

Section 2 Climbing experience

This section is simply to find out about the climbing you have done and which one of the two Aspirant membership types your application is suitable for:

Mark whether you Lead – Ld, Seconded – 2nd, Alternate leads – AltLd, Solo – Soloed or were Guided – G.

Those who have alpine mountaineering experience, which includes roped glacier travel and an ability to competently lead mixed snow and rock climbing to PD grade.

For Aspirant membership you will normally need to have been to the Alps once and completed at least two routes. After answering the first two questions, and ticking the “Alpine Mountaineering” box, list the routes and peaks you have completed; failures may also be listed. Scottish or other UK winter routes and any routes in the Greater Ranges, Andes, Rockies, Himalayas, etc. are also taken into account. Additionally, tell us about your rock climbing experience if this helps to give a better picture. Rock climbing experience on low, accessible crags is not usually sufficiently Alpine in nature to gain admittance to the Club but major rock routes in high or remote areas certainly count. If you have been on any expeditions tell us something about them as well. Alpine Club members have been to all the major ranges in the world so we are very pleased to hear about your expedition experience. The Alpine Club is very much a network for exchanging this sort of information.

Those who have a high level of mountaineering skill in UK winter and summer, but have not, as yet, climbed in an alpine environment and wish to take it to an alpine level.

A winter mountaineering and climbing apprenticeship that includes mixed winter climbing in Scotland provides a good grounding and helps develop the skills beneficial for technical mixed snow and rock in an alpine environment such as moving together while roped and climbing rock without removing crampons. After answering the first two questions, and ticking the “UK Mountaineering” box, list your Scottish or other UK winter routes. You should be able to demonstrate an ability to competently lead traditional multi-pitch rock routes at grade Severe and have UK winter mountaineering and climbing experience, which demonstrate an ability to competently lead *mixed winter climbing routes at Grades II – III in Scotland*. You should note that this Aspirant membership category is for a **fixed term** that expires in the December of your first membership year during which time you are expected to gain sufficient Alpine mountaineering experience to enable you to successfully upgrade to become an Aspirant member with Alpine Mountaineering experience or a Full member. If you do not achieve this within the fixed term then your membership will lapse. If, in due course, you gain the necessary Alpine Mountaineering skills you may re-apply to become a member of the Alpine Club.

Section 3 Other contributions to mountaineering

We would also like to hear about any other contributions you have made to mountaineering and the mountain environment. This might include running a club or an expedition, research, writing articles or books, painting, environment preservation, etc.



Section 5 Proposer

All applications for Aspirant membership need a proposer who must be *either* a Full member of the Alpine Club *or* an elected officer of a club affiliated to the BMC, Mountaineering Scotland, MI or any member of the British Association of Mountain Guides. Your proposer must know you personally and complete, sign and return to us the attached pro-forma letter of support. **If you do not know anyone who is eligible to support your application, tick the appropriate box.** We will help by arranging for a member to talk to you about your application and, if appropriate, act as your proposer. The Chair of the Membership Applications Sub-Committee will contact you to organise this and give you any other advice or help you need.

Section 6 Direct Debit Form and Cheque – see Step 3 below

It is a condition of membership that if you have a UK bank account, you **MUST** pay your subscription by Direct Debit, even if you live abroad. The information you provide on the Direct Debit form is held confidentially. The cheque is for your first subscription payment. The Direct Debit form and the cheque will be destroyed should your application be unsuccessful.

Section 7 Authorisation

Please sign and date the form having read the disclaimer. Alpine climbing has objective dangers and we have to make it clear to members that they need to be responsible for their own actions.

Step 2: Complete the Applicant's section of the pro-forma letter of support and send it, with a copy of your application, to your proposer to complete and return to us.

Skip this step if you wish us to help you find a Proposer.

Step 3: Complete the Direct Debit form. Enclose a cheque for the correct subscription amount payable to "Alpine Club".

Skip this step if you do not have a UK bank account.

Step 4a: If you have a UK bank account, send the application form with the completed Direct Debit form and cheque to the Club. Once accepted, we will cash the cheque to cover your first subscription and deduct your subscriptions for subsequent years by Direct Debit.

OR

Step 4b: If you live outside the UK and do NOT have a UK bank account, send the application form to the Club. Once accepted, we will send you information on how to pay on-line by credit or debit card.

Subscription rates are shown on the **Join Us** page of the Club's website at: www.alpine-club.org.uk

Applicants accepted after the 1st October will be credited for the following year's subscription; i.e. the first membership year will last for up to fifteen months.

Step 5: Please return the completed application form, with cheque and Direct Debit form if applicable, to: The Administrator, Alpine Club, 55 Charlotte Road, London, EC2A 3QF.

Please contact the Club office if you have any queries or require help with the application: +44(0)20 7613 0755; email: admin@alpine-club.org.uk
