

# **Society for Socialist Studies: Chapters and Affiliates Application Form**

## **Purpose**

The Society welcomes a broad range of socialist and emancipatory left initiatives, unaffiliated to political parties, to seek chapter or affiliate status with us. In order to ensure that both sides understand and share one another's basic goals in the spirit of solidarity and ally-ship, we ask groups seeking recognition from the Society as chapter or affiliates to fill out the relevant form below.

## **Process**

Upon receiving the completed form, the Society Executive will consider it at its next meeting and convey its decision to the group. One condition of affiliation or chapter status is that at least five members of the group be also paid-up members of the Society. The Society reserves the right to end our relationship with a Chapter or Affiliate (and vice versa) in the unlikely event that we can no longer stand in solidarity or ally-ship with the latter's practices or public positions.

## **Intent**

Becoming a Chapter or Affiliate will contribute to the growth of a Canada-wide network of socialist and emancipatory left organizations and individuals. The Society will facilitate this by publicizing Chapter and Affiliate initiatives through Society networks and on its website. We also warmly welcome chapter and affiliate participation in our conference and to submit scholarly work to our journal.

We ask that Chapters and Affiliates:

- Designate a liaison who will maintain regular contact with the Society's Executive, by way of the Membership Secretary.
- Be comprised of at least five individuals with memberships to the Society for Socialist Studies, and
- Chapters and Affiliates should not state or imply that they speak for the Society's Executive or the Society as a whole on particular points or actions, without previously consulting with the Society's Executive and gaining such assent.

If you need help fitting the appropriate form to the nature of your group, do get in touch with us! You can reach the current Membership Secretary for the Society at [membershipsocialiststudies@gmail.com](mailto:membershipsocialiststudies@gmail.com).

Please complete and return the appropriate form to the Membership Secretary for the Society, Megan Aiken ([membershipsocialiststudies@gmail.com](mailto:membershipsocialiststudies@gmail.com)) and CC Jamie Lawson, the Society's Secretary ([societyforsocialiststudies@gmail.com](mailto:societyforsocialiststudies@gmail.com)).

(Forms last revised October 15, 2020)

# **Chapter**

A Chapter is defined as a newly created group that seeks to foster socialist or emancipatory left comradery by way of sharing a geographic location or a common interest within the broader landscape of socialist thought.

**Name of Organization seeking to become Chapter:**

**Name of Officers or Key Leaders:**

**Contact information for Officers or Key Leaders:**

**Date of Formation:**

**Purposes of Chapter:**

**Rationale for becoming Chapter:**

**Any conflict of interest with SSS and its purposes?**  Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:**

**Proposed activities for the next 2 years:**

**Proposed activities in the longer term:**

**Name of at least five SSS Members in good standing within chapter:**

**Name of proposed SSS Liaison:**

**Contact information for proposed SSS Liaison:**

When you submit your application, please attach some indication that the group or its designated leadership has officially opted for chapter or affiliate status, with the support of its membership (for instance, by a resolution of a membership meeting or executive meeting, recorded in minutes, or by a joint signed letter).

## **Affiliate**

An Affiliate is defined as a previously-existing organization that seeks to bolster its socialist or emancipatory left base through official affiliation with the Society for Socialist Studies.

**Name of Organization seeking to become Affiliate:**

**Name of Officers or Key Leaders:**

**Contact information for Officers or Key Leaders:**

**Date of Formation:**

**Purposes of Affiliate:**

**Rationale for becoming Affiliate:**

**Any conflict of interest with SSS and its purposes?**    Yes    No

**If yes, please explain:**

**Proposed activities for the next 2 years:**

**Proposed activities in the longer term:**

**Name of at least five SSS Members in good standing within affiliate:**

**Name of proposed SSS Liaison:**

**Contact information for proposed SSS Liaison:**

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