

## American Conference of Cantors Testing and Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the American Conference of Cantors. Please see the policy below for complete requirements regarding your application for membership. Please fill out the application on the reverse side of this page and return it with all required documentation and payments to:

American Conference of Cantors  
Membership Exam Coordinator (NY or LA)  
1375 Remington Road, Suite M  
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Any person who is a graduate of a recognized institution of higher learning and has been awarded a Master's Degree (Jewish Music/Jewish Education or related) in or after the year 2013 or a Bachelor's degree if graduation was prior to 2013 from that institution as well as conferred the title "Cantor" or an equivalent (Cantor/Educator, etc.) from one of the following institutions is eligible for testing to become an Associate Member of the American Conference of Cantors:

Abraham Geiger College  
Academy for Jewish Religion, California  
Academy for Jewish Religion, New York  
The Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano  
Hebrew College, Boston  
RRC & Gratz College - Masters in Jewish Music  
Jewish Theological Seminary, Miller School

The Membership Test will include a report of psychological screening prepared under the auspices of the ACC and paid for by the applicant.

Upon successful completion of the membership test and at the conclusion of the ACC Hadracha mentorship program (minimum of one year), participants are eligible to become Regular members in the ACC by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board.

A candidate for regular testing who is unable to complete the ACC Hadracha mentorship program may by vote of the Executive Board be terminated from the regular membership entrance process and consequently any membership standing in the ACC. If the board votes to deny regular membership of the ACC, to any candidate who has had their name submitted for a vote, then that candidate loses any membership standing in the ACC.

The exam for ACC Regular Membership will be held once a year in New York City, NY, and once a year in Los Angeles, CA. The exam includes written and oral portions.

Prior to testing, Cantorial applicants must submit the following documents and fees:

1. ACC Membership Application
2. \$500 administration fee, which is applied toward fulfillment of ACC dues if the applicant is accepted (June 2013).
3. \$150 testing fee for each time (up to three) the candidate sits for an exam.
4. Photocopies of his/her university diplomas attesting to the applicant having received a Bachelor's degree and a Master's Degree (Jewish Music/Jewish Education or related).
5. A photocopy of his/her Ordination/Investiture certificate.
6. Three letters of recommendation, at least one of which must come from a member in good standing of the ACC, and at least one of which must come from the congregation/organization the applicant currently serves. If the applicant does not currently serve a congregation/organization, then the letter must come from a congregation/organization the candidate has previously served.

Applicants may apply three times. No application will be accepted after a third failure of the exam.

Full policy is available here: [http://accantors.org/acc/becoming\\_a\\_member](http://accantors.org/acc/becoming_a_member)

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847-781-7800

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Contact Information:**

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Upon acceptance into membership, do you want your personal information to be published in our directory? \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Information:**

Name of Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Affiliation  URJ  USCJ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Cong. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Cong. Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Information:**

Primary Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

***(This will be the email address used for all ACC correspondence)***

**Academic information:**

Undergraduate University/Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate University/Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Seminary: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Ordination: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Titles You Hold:  Rabbi-School/Date of Ordination \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

By applying for Membership in the ACC, I have read, and hereby agree to abide by all of the ACC's membership testing guidelines and policies. Upon passing the membership exam and my acceptance into membership, I acknowledge and hereby agree to abide by all of the ACC's governing documents. These can be found at [www.accantors.org](http://www.accantors.org).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_