



Friends of Sierra Leone is a U.S.-based voluntary, not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving Sierra Leone. Friends of Sierra Leone is non-political and supports all of Sierra Leone, regardless of ethnicity or region.

Friends of Sierra Leone was founded in 1991 by a small group of returned Peace Corps volunteers who had served in Sierra Leone. In the summer of 1991, this group convened a public forum to share news about Sierra Leone and to find ways they might continue to contribute to the development of the country they served.

Friends of Sierra Leone membership has expanded to over 500 members around the world. About 65% are returned Peace Corps volunteers, 25% are Sierra Leoneans and Sierra Leonean-Americans, and 10% are others who have worked, lived or studied in Sierra Leone.

Friends of Sierra Leone strives to educate Americans and those in other countries about Sierra Leone's peoples, cultures and history and advocates for legislation favorable to Sierra Leone's interests. Friends of Sierra Leone also supports small-scale development and relief projects in Sierra Leone.

Friends of Sierra Leone is a public charity. Contributions are tax-deductible. Friends of Sierra Leone board members carry out all activity and work for the organization without pay.

We are a country-of-service affiliate of the <u>National Peace Corps Association</u> (NPCA). However, both the NPCA and **Friends of Sierra Leone** are independent of the <u>Peace Corps</u>, and membership in Friends of Sierra Leone is open to anyone who shares our goals:

- Aid in the development and well-being of Sierra Leone and its people.
- Increase understanding among Americans and others about Sierra Leone.
- Serve as a "Virtual Cottontree," a gathering place for all of us to share our ideas and thoughts.

FRIENDS OF SIERRA LEONE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name (include maiden)		
Address		
City State ZIP+4	Code	
Home Phone () E-mail Address		
Day Phone () Occupation		
Relationship to SL (e.g., Sierra Leonean, PC, etc.)		
Sierra Leone Home Year	sto_	
Membership: Individual \$25 Contributions	: FoSL Circle Supporter Sponsor Friend	\$1000 and up \$500 to \$999 \$100 to \$499 \$50 to \$99
Membership (\$25 per member)	\$	
Contribution	\$	
Overseas Mail (add \$10)	\$	
Membership in National Peace Corps Association (\$35)	\$	
Total Remitted	\$	

Both Friends of Sierra Leone and the National Peace Corps Association have discontinued the household membership category.

Membership dues support operations for Friends of Sierra Leone, including meetings, newsletter, and the website. All other contributions support projects in Sierra Leone.

Dues and other contributions to Friends of Sierra Leone are fully tax-deductible. The \$35 membership fees for National Peace Corps Association are **not** tax-deductible.

Thank you for your support! Please return this form with a check payable to Friends of Sierra Leone to the address below.



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