

New Member Application Form For the Fiscal Year: April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019

Ending Violence Association of BC (EVA BC) has two categories of membership: Full Membership with voting privileges and Associate Membership with no voting privileges. All membership applications are presented to the EVA BC Board of Directors at their meeting for consideration. Upon acceptance, the agency / individual is informed of the decision and the category of membership they have been accepted under. The cheque is then processed and the agency / individual is added to the membership roster and mailing list.

Full Membership: Eligible programs for full membership are government funded non-profit Community Based Victim Service Programs, Stopping the Violence Counselling Programs, Stopping the Violence Outreach / Multicultural Outreach Programs, and Sexual Assault / Woman Assault Centres providing non-residential services to survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence or child abuse. The Board may approve membership for other programs if they are doing work that is closely related to the mandate of the above-mentioned programs, and meet EVA Bylaws and Constitution. Such memberships would come under the Full Membership category of “Other Similar Programs”.

Associate Membership: Available to individuals or agencies that do not qualify for the full membership, but who support the purposes, beliefs and bylaws of the Society.

I. **Applying for Full Membership**

The following programs are eligible for Full Membership:
(Please check which one(s) you are applying for)

- Community Based Victim Service Program
- Stopping the Violence Counselling Program
- Stopping the Violence Outreach / Multicultural Outreach Program
- Sexual Assault / Woman Assault Centre
- Other Similar Program

Benefits of Full Membership include:

- Four newsletters per year (two hard copy and two e-news) that provide information and updates on current and emerging issues relevant to programs in the field.
- Email updates that often contain critical, time sensitive information about funding, policy changes, emerging issues, surveys to gather important program input, etc.
- Free subscription option to program-based listserv that provides a forum for exchange of ideas and information.
- Resources such as discussion papers, briefing notes, media releases and other tools that provide programs with valuable information, guidelines and best practices for anti-violence work.
- Reduced tuition fees for EVA BC’s Annual Training Forum.
- Eligibility to sit on EVA BC’s Board of Directors, a critical leadership group of program representatives that direct the Association’s work throughout the year.
- Voting privilege at EVA BC’s General Meetings.
- Use of EVA BC’s toll-free line to call for support and information.

Fees for Full Membership:

Membership Fee is on a sliding scale from \$80 to \$180. Please consider paying what you can.

II. Applying for Associate Membership

Available to individuals or agencies who support the belief and purpose of the Association but do not qualify for any of the above categories of membership.

Benefits of Associate Membership include:

- Four newsletters per year (two hard copy and two e-news) that provide information and updates on current and emerging issues relevant to programs in the field.
- Important information forwarded via email, including discussion papers, media releases, briefing notes and other tools and resources that provide programs with critical information and guidelines for anti-violence work.
- Reduced tuition fees for EVA BC's Annual Training Forum (without travel subsidy).

Fees for Associate Membership:

Associate Membership Fee is set at a minimum of \$50, those who wish to pay more are kindly invited to do so.

III. Please complete what is applicable from the following; you may attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information to answer questions in a – d below.

Applicant's Name (if individual and/or applying for Associate Membership): _____

Organization's Name (if applicable): _____

Contact Person (if an organization): _____

Program Name (if an organization): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

a. What is the funding source(s) for your program? _____

b. What services do you provide? _____

c. What is your program's mandate? _____

d. Who do you serve? _____

I/we have read and agree with the attached Belief Statement and Purposes of the Association.

I/we agree to abide by EVA BC's Constitution and Bylaws (a complete set can be obtained by contacting the EVA BC office).

Payment Amount: _____

Please make the cheque payable to:

Ending Violence Association of BC

1404 – 510 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1L8

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Belief Statement

WE BELIEVE:

1. That all those who have been victimized have a right to support. They also have a right to accessible, appropriate therapy. Because we believe that the responsibility for abuse lies not only with individual offenders but with society, we also believe that services to empower those who have been abused should be a societal responsibility.
2. That those who have been victimized are never responsible for the violence perpetrated against them; and that services should have as their goal the empowerment of victim/survivors, and should be designed in collaboration with them.
3. That specialized support services should work to alleviate re-victimization by the justice, medical and social services systems.
4. That our philosophy puts into practice the values of respect, empowerment and choice.
5. That women have the right to self-determination over their bodies including reproductive choice and medical treatment.
6. That both male and female children are victims of violence.
7. That male violence against women and children happens because our society has created and tolerates a power imbalance and socialization process that devalues and victimizes women and children. In addition to sexism, we acknowledge the effects of discrimination on individuals in our society on the basis of race, age, religion, class, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities; anti-Semitism and colonialism.
8. That all women and children are affected by violence whether or not they are actual victims. Fear of sexual violence is a factor in controlling the development and behaviour of women and girls.
9. That specialized service providers have the right to appropriate financial compensation, including equal pay for work of equal value, good working conditions and benefits. Support, information and acknowledgement are essential to alleviate isolation, maintain health and continue to increase skills and knowledge.
10. That while we can support the efforts of those who provide services for offenders, ideally those services are provided by programs other than for people who have been victimized. There may be situations where it is appropriate to provide this kind of integrated service, such as in cases of same-sex relationship abuse. In these cases, attention to issues of safety, power and control are paramount.

Purposes of the Association

The Ending Violence Association of British Columbia has as its Purposes:

1. To serve as a coordinating, centralized organization in British Columbia that supports and assists individual agencies providing victim and survivor-related support and counselling services.
2. To address the needs of programs supporting victims in British Columbia through training, education and information exchange, on issues related to providing service and support for people who have been traumatized by victimization.
3. To provide programs across British Columbia with updated, accessible information regarding policy and legislative initiatives or changes and analysis of current relevant issues.
4. To work in partnership with other provincial organizations, educational institutions and other key organizations in related fields to ensure that member programs are in a strong position to guide and improve our service to victims of violence in this province.
5. To act as a credible and visible liaison between Government and community through coordinating involvement in consultative processes. As well, by analyzing legislation and policy through a lens that looks at gender, race, class and other forms of marginalization, this organization works to be proactive in assisting government to identify to remove barriers to the safety of all peoples.
6. To manage programs and projects that assist all women's efforts to achieve safety, equality and dignity at the individual and systemic levels.
7. To educate the public on the issue of victims of violence, particularly women and children who are victims of child physical and sexual abuse; wife assault; sexual assault; criminal harassment and adult survivors of child sexual abuse, including female and male children and adults.
8. To provide support, information-sharing and acknowledgment to specialized support and counselling service providers in an effort to alleviate isolation, maintain healthy organizations and continue to increase skills and knowledge, including the coordination of province-wide training based on needs identified by individual programs.
9. To act as a consultant to individual programs in the area of program administration and clinical practice and to offer consultative services to offender-serving programs to prevent the re-victimization of victims of violence.
10. To coordinate with other sectors, namely, justice, health, and social service systems in an effort to increase their knowledge and understanding of related issues to reduce re-victimization and increase support and safety for those who have been victimized.