


## QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 1 The candidate must have graduated from a Class A medical school; and
- 2 The candidate must limit their practice exclusively to orthopaedic surgery (Regular) or be a licensed physiatrist or occupational medicine specialist associated with an orthopaedic practice (Affiliate); and
- 3 The candidate must be in active practice one year in Tennessee before becoming eligible for Regular or Affiliate membership; and
- 4 The candidate must submit an application, along with two letters of endorsement from members of the Tennessee Orthopaedic Society, to the membership committee by August 31 of each year.

Eligible and approved members will be presented at the TOS Annual Meeting to be held September 25-28, 2008 at the Ritz Carlton Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, Georgia, and voted on by the attending membership, with election based upon a two-thirds vote.



If you have questions or comments regarding membership in the Society, please contact Paul Biggers, TOS Executive Director, 146 Turnbuckle Court, Clemmons, NC 27012, (888) 600-7262.

You may also review application materials at our website  
**[www.tosweb.org](http://www.tosweb.org)**

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Fax ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical School \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Orthopaedic Practice \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Orthopaedic Practice Start-up in TN \_\_\_\_\_

Names of two members of the Tennessee Orthopaedic Society who will serve as sponsors.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby affirm that I meet all requirements set forth by the Tennessee Orthopaedic Society, for admittance to the below checked (✓) type of membership. *See Qualifications for Membership.*

Regular     Affiliate

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please Return Application to:  
Paul Biggers, PhD  
TOS Executive Director  
146 Turnbuckle Court  
Clemmons, NC 27012



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Invitation  
for  
Membership

Tennessee Orthopaedic Society

# Letter from the Society

On behalf of the Tennessee Orthopaedic Society and its 300 plus membership, I am extending a special invitation for you to consider becoming a regular or affiliate member.

Since 1948 Tennessee orthopaedists have demonstrated exemplary leadership through education, research and quality health care. Thanks to these efforts we now have a thriving and growing organization to promote our views and opinions.

Important issues are increasingly impacting our professional futures and making it much more important to present a united front of advocacy for the sweeping changes that are occurring in medicine and orthopaedics. I believe that the Tennessee Orthopaedic Society can best represent that united front.

I encourage you to review the contents of this brochure and take a few minutes to return a completed application by August 31 to qualify for member services in 2008.

Membership in TOS offers real value. Make a difference in Tennessee orthopaedics by joining your colleagues in strengthening that united front.

Sincerely,  
Paul J. Biggers, PhD



## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Tennessee Orthopaedic Society is committed to increasing public awareness and health care improvement for persons with musculoskeletal impairments, by supporting continuing medical education for its members and monitoring the effects of socio-economic and legislative measures impacting the quality, availability, and cost of health care in orthopaedics.

## SUPPORTING MEMBER SERVICES

### Educational Leadership

Through its annual meeting, Tennessee Orthopaedic Society supports and provides opportunities for continuing medical education to help members to maintain a high standard of skill and competence. It supports the three Tennessee residency programs through annual stipends which make possible resident participation at annual meetings.

### Advocacy

As an advocate for improved patient care, TOS monitors legislative activity, provides elected officials with pertinent information on the practice of orthopaedic surgery and delivery of health care, and through its officers and Board of Councilors, encourages initiatives at the national level for health care improvement.

### Professionalism

Tennessee Orthopaedic Society publications and periodic scientific presentations serve to facilitate ongoing learning of new techniques and research results in orthopaedics, and provide a forum for networking and exchange of information critical for improved health care.

