



The Society of International Business Fellows (SIBF) selects, educates and connects leaders throughout the world who share a keen interest in geopolitics, global leadership and culture. Founded in 1981, SIBF is a distinguished networking organization of CEOs, presidents and other senior executives who are active in global commerce.

## JOINING SIBF

Membership in SIBF is by invitation only. Please complete the entire application to give the Membership Committee a thorough understanding of your abilities, accomplishments and commitments. Because the selection process is highly competitive, all questions should be answered fully and thoughtfully. Application materials submitted by, or on behalf of, an applicant, will be kept strictly confidential. New member biographical profiles, based on information from the application, will be included in the SIBF Membership Directory and on the private member site.

## MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

**International Business Involvement** - Must be actively involved in international business or committed to being involved in international business in the future with the capability to do so.

**Leadership and Seniority** - Must have demonstrated leadership and achievement in their careers and seniority within their respective organizations.

**Commitment** - Must have the time and resources available to be active in SIBF on an ongoing basis

**Character** - Character and integrity must be without question.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

- **Processing fee - \$200:** Must be submitted with the application and is non-refundable.
- **SIBF Initiation fee - \$5,000:** Must be submitted with the application; check will be held until acceptance.
- **Yearly Membership Renewal - \$1,500:** Processed every January

## APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for the SIBF Class of 2017, a completed application and the following must be submitted:

- **Three letters of recommendation** from individuals having direct knowledge of your qualifications and character, including *one from an SIBF member*. These letters should describe the nature and length of the relationship with you and, to the extent possible, address your character, accomplishments within your organization, industry and community, and your involvement internationally. The completed letters should be addressed to the SIBF Membership Selection Committee and either submitted with your application, mailed or emailed directly to SIBF by the individuals providing your recommendations. *Applications without letters of recommendation will not be considered.*
- A **recent, color digital photo** to be published on the [www.sibf.org](http://www.sibf.org) website and in the SIBF Member Directory if accepted for membership. Email digital photo (minimum 300 dpi) to [info@sibf.org](mailto:info@sibf.org).
- A non-refundable **processing fee of US\$200.00** made payable to the Society of International Business Fellows (check, credit card or bank wire) and a check for the **initiation fee of \$5,000** (held until notification of acceptance of membership).

## SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Complete your application online at [SIBF Application](#) or submit via e-mail, fax, or mail to:

SIBF Membership Selection Committee  
Society of International Business Fellows  
P.O. Box 57341, Atlanta, GA 30343

[info@sibf.org](mailto:info@sibf.org) phone: 404.525.7423 fax: 404.525.5331

## NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Applications for the SIBF Class of 2017 will be reviewed by the Membership Selection Committee. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance within three business days of the meeting date.



# 2017 SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FELLOWS APPLICATION

Please answer questions fully and accurately. **Print or type** all responses and limit your replies to the space provided. **Do not attach or substitute a resume for this application.**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ Familiar Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Postal Code, Country \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_  
*(include country / city codes if outside the U.S.)*

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Company Web site Address \_\_\_\_\_

List name(s) of SIBF member(s) who nominated you for membership.

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List other SIBF member(s) you know, either through business or socially, and indicate level of acquaintance.

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Postal Code, Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
*(include country / city codes if outside the U.S.)*

Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) of child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

List hobbies and personal interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any languages that you speak other than English (include degree of proficiency: *basic, conversational, advanced, fluent*). \_\_\_\_\_

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## EDUCATION

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Name and Location of College/University	Degree/Year	Area of Study
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Name and Location of Graduate School	Degree/Year	Area of Study
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## BUSINESS INFORMATION

Provide a description of your current or most recent business, including product lines, industries served, etc. (*e.g., Software Inc. develops programs for utility management.*)

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Describe your specific responsibilities in your current or most recent position (*e.g., As President, I am responsible for overall management of the company including strategic planning and business development.*)

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Describe your current or most recent business's international involvement. List countries where your current or most recent business is active or where you have business contacts.

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What amount of time do you spend abroad per year? (*Indicate number of weeks.*) \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of your current or most recent business is international? (*Specify by revenues or by assets.*) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list your work history for the last ten years not including your most recent position first.

*\*If more space is needed for this section, please attach a separate sheet.*

Dates	Employer	Position	Nature of Business	# of Employees & Annual Revenues

Please select the **one** category that best describes your current or most recent business:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment Mgmt/Venture Capital      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Law                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Interior Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Entertainment           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Engineering               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profits                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Services            | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil/Gas                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Services            | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Investor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Products            | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data Services                | <input type="checkbox"/> Publishing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate/Construction/Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Security                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications/Technology        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Services       | <input type="checkbox"/> Training                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Search             | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Logistics             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking                      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Imports                      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                    | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Trade          | _____   |

## INDUSTRY INFORMATION

Please select the areas in which you have significant expertise.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Tax                   | <input type="checkbox"/> International Trade           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisitions/Dispositions        | <input type="checkbox"/> IPOs                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angel Capital                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Ventures                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Law – Corporate               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Development             | <input type="checkbox"/> Law – Immigration             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change Management                | <input type="checkbox"/> Law – Tax                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Negotiations            | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Management                | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Relationship Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Market Entry and Expansion    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deal Structuring                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Communications      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Issues             | <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropy                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estate Planning                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Affairs               | <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Management               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Importing/Exporting              | <input type="checkbox"/> Supply Chain Management       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information/Knowledge Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Planning               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Strategies              | _____  |

## ACHIEVEMENTS

List any professional or civic organizations of which you are a member.

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List professional and civic achievements and awards.

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List educational organizations of which you are a member.

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List educational achievements and awards.

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## SIBF EXPECTATIONS

What do you expect from your membership in SIBF?

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## NETWORKING

To help foster peer-to-peer networking, please complete the two following statements.

I would be interested in networking with SIBF members who:

*Sample answers: 'are knowledgeable about sources of start-up capital', 'have experience with IPOs', 'know of good cycling trips in Europe', 'are involved with community foundations'.*

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I can be helpful to SIBF members who:

*Sample answers: 'want to evaluate their investment strategy', 'are looking to establish a subsidiary in Europe', 'need advice on setting-up a family succession plan', 'are looking for college admission advice for their children'*

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## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Three letters of recommendation are required from individuals with direct knowledge, preferably longstanding, of your qualifications for and commitment to the Society of International Business Fellows. *A current member of SIBF must write one of the letters.* Please list below the name and telephone number of each person providing your letters of recommendation. These letters should be addressed to the SIBF Membership Selection Committee and either submitted with your application or mailed directly to SIBF by the individuals providing your letters of recommendation. ***You are responsible for receipt of these letters by SIBF. Applications without letters of recommendation will not be considered.***

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Recommender #1 (Name and Telephone Number)

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Recommender #2 (Name and Telephone Number)

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Recommender #3 (Name and Telephone Number)

## **SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS & HANDLES/USERNAMES** *(list all the apply)*

LinkedIn \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter \_\_\_\_\_

Google+ \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **CERTIFICATION & FINANCIAL COMMITMENT**

I understand that membership in the Society of International Business Fellows requires my active participation and commitment to the organization, and that admission into the Society does not occur until notified by SIBF. I certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and made in good faith. I understand that items contained herein may be independently verified. I accept these terms as a condition of my acceptance for membership in SIBF.

**I understand the SIBF initiation fee of \$5,000 is due with my application. My check will be held until notification of acceptance.**

I understand and accept the above Certification and Financial Commitment statements:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

## **WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

If accepted as a member of the Society of International Business Fellows, I agree and acknowledge that I am undertaking such participation in SIBF events and programs as my own free and intentional act, and I am fully aware that possible physical injury might occur to me as a result of my participation. I give this acknowledgement freely and knowingly and, as a result, I am able to participate in SIBF events and programs and do hereby assume responsibility for my own well-being.

## **PHOTO RELEASE**

Unless otherwise stated in writing, SIBF may reproduce my name, spouse's name, company name, contact information and photo or likeness in the SIBF Membership Directory, including a directory on SIBF's private member website. At SIBF's discretion, my photo or likeness may be reproduced in member newsletters and other communications during the term of my membership.

I accept the above stated Waiver and Release of Liability, and Photo Release statements:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

**Please check the following before submitting your application:**

- Sign and date your application form.
- Ensure you understand the fee policy for joining SIBF.
- Email a 300 dpi color digital photo (head shot) to info@sibf.org.
- Include a business card.
- Attach or provide information regarding payment of US\$200.00 for application processing.
- Attach or email/mail separately three letters of recommendation (one from a current SIBF member).

**Mail the application and all attachments to:  
SIBF Membership Selection Committee  
Society of International Business Fellows  
P.O. Box 57341  
Atlanta, GA 30343  
USA**