**What to Expect When Applying**

Rotary encourages new membership from all interested persons. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. The Rotary Club of Fort Collins uses a classification system to ensure that membership represents a variety of the community’s professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion.

When you turn in an application, the Rotary Club of Fort Collins must determine whether your application will be approved. The following process is generally observed:

* Sponsor and prospective member turn in new member application to Rotary Club President, Membership Committee Chair, or Secretary.
* Sponsor is notified of approval or rejection of the new member application by the Board.
* The approved application is forwarded to the Membership Committee and an orientation meeting is scheduled to explain the club duties, responsibilities, and induction process.
* If you accept the responsibilities of being a new club member—including service and financial responsibilities—your information is published in our RotoGear newsletter for commentary by the club membership as a whole. (You will be asked to supply a photograph.)
* If no negative comments or other barriers to admission are discovered, you will be accepted for membership.
* An induction ceremony will be scheduled during a regular club meeting, including those of satellite members. Family and friends are encouraged to come and celebrate induction with you.
* A red badge signifying you as a new member will be provided to you at induction, which you will use to scan in and out of club meetings.
* During orientation, a checklist for obtaining the next level of membership—a “blue badge”—will be provided to you.
* Once you have achieved the required prerequisites, a blue badge will be bestowed on you at a ceremony similar to your induction. A blue badge signifies a higher level of membership and commitment to Rotary.