



# Membership Application

## HISTORY

The Commonwealth of Virginia chartered the National Workers Association in September 1975, as a non-stock organization. The association was founded by eligibility workers in Norfolk, Virginia who felt that their needs were not being addressed by professional organizations. They believed that individuals in the eligibility field needed an association through which they could express their positions on policy issues and promote professionalism.

What began with a small group of workers in a local agency has grown to a national organization which includes members from all levels of the profession, from around the country. What they envisioned had come to fruition. National Eligibility Workers Association (t/a NEW: PATHS) has gained recognition and credibility with administrators and legislators on a local, state and federal level. As a professional, members are considered essential and relevant.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of NEW: PATHS is to improve the knowledge, skills, and overall professionalism of eligibility practitioners by providing information, training, and a network of services and support.

## STATEMENT OF ETHICS

To maintain in all professional endeavors, a spirit of honesty, integrity, courtesy and fairness.

## GOALS

To achieve its purpose, NEW: PATHS has established the following goals:

1. To provide a national framework for individual members and local or state chapters to maintain a liaison with organizations of allied professionals.
2. To establish and maintain standards of professional competency and ethics; and to develop a means for achieving these standards.
3. To promote the identity, integrity, and professionalism of the eligibility career as a separate field of human services.
4. To promote public awareness of the contributions of eligibility practitioners in the delivery of human services.
5. To provide educational enhancement by working with universities and colleges in the development of curricula pertinent to eligibility determination, state and local chapters of NEW: PATHS in the development of regional seminars and conferences, and allied professional associations in the development of income maintenance, food stamps, and Medicaid seminars in their conferences.
6. To act as an informational conduit for members, legislators, state and federal administrators, and other professional affiliations.
7. To provide a forum where existing and pending social policy can be studied and the viewpoint of eligibility practitioners can be formulated and presented for consideration and discussion.

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Recruited by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency name: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/position: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:  New  Renewal  Rejoin New/renewal submitted at training/conference?  Yes  No

Type of membership:  Individual\*  Associate Length:  1 yr. \$35  3 yrs. \$90  5 yrs. \$140

Credit card type: \_\_\_\_\_ credit card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_ CSC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Your \$1000 group life insurance coverage begins with NEW's next premium payment.*

Beneficiary name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to NEW: PATHS. Return completed application and payment to:  
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