



INCOME SECURITY ADVOCACY CENTRE
Centre d'action pour la sécurité du revenu

Income Security Advocacy Centre Application for Membership

ISAC Vision Statement

To work with the community and advocate for and seek legal remedies to address systemic issues and improve income security for people in Ontario.

Please complete all sections of this form. Incomplete forms will not be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

I. Applicant Contact Information

Please provide the following contact information:

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Applicant's Current Employer/Occupation: _____

Applicant Email: _____

Applicant Phone: _____

II. Basic Eligibility

Please note that you are only eligible for membership if you meet the following basic criteria. Please check any criteria that apply to you.

- I do not have a conflict of interest or conflict of loyalty with ISAC
- I am at least 16 years of age
- I live or work within the boundaries of the Province of Ontario
- I agree to comply with ISAC's by-laws and policies, which may be amended from time to time*

III. Membership Disqualifications

Please note that you are ineligible for membership if you belong to any of the following groups. Please check any that apply to you. If none apply, please select “none of the above apply”.

- Current or former employee or contractor of ISAC unless two years have elapsed since you were an employee or contractor of ISAC
- Current or former employee or director of Legal Aid Ontario (LAO), unless two years have elapsed since you were an employee or director of LAO
- Directly associated with the administration of any government income support program (EI, CPP, OW, ODSP, GAINS etc.)
- Current or former employee or contractor of the governmental departments/ministries responsible for the administration of any federal, provincial and/or municipal government income support programs (e.g. EI, CPP, OW, ODSP, GAINS etc.), or the current or former political staff of the departments/ministries responsible for these programs, unless two years have elapsed since you were an employee, contractor, or political staff member of such governmental departments/ministries
- Current or former employee of a LAO funded legal service entity, including legal clinics, other than those five (5) clinic employees who serve as Directors, unless two years have elapsed since you were an employee of such legal services entities
- Involved with organizations that have competing interests or whose mission conflicts with that of ISAC
- Family member of any of the above, including:
 - Spouse or cohabiting partner;
 - Child, sibling, parent and the spouse of such child sibling or parent;
 - Child, sibling, parent of the employee/former employee’s spouse or cohabiting partner, and the spouse of such child sibling or parent;
 - Grandparent or grandchild;
 - Any other relative (e.g. aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, cousin) who lives in the same household as the current or former employee or contractor.
- None of the above apply

IV. Membership Questionnaire

Please answer all of the following questions.

1. How and when did you learn about ISAC?

2. Why are you interested in becoming a member of ISAC?

3. Which of ISAC's recent accomplishments of ISAC are the most relevant to you and why?

4. Please discuss your experience in working for poverty law reform/ lobbying including involvement in groups involved in income security.

5. Are you willing to participate in any of the following types of activities to support ISAC work:
 - Outreach to community groups and members
 - Outreach to politicians
 - Signing open letters and petitions
 - Attending public meetings
 - Attending media events

6. ISAC is governed by a 15-person community Board of Directors. Of the Directors, 5 work with community legal clinics in different regions of Ontario and the remaining 10 come from the broader community. At least 5 of ISAC's Board of

Directors must be individuals with low incomes. ISAC also seeks to have board members with diverse skills. ISAC may select Directors from among its members.

Would you be interested in being considered for a position on the Board?

Yes or No

If **yes**, please indicate which categories describes you:

- Past or present lived experience of poverty
- Past or present lived experience of disability (physical, psychological or cognitive) or caregiver of someone with a disability
- Indigenous
- Francophone
- Board governance
- Finance
- Legal
- Human resources
- Government relations
- Public education
- Policy research

7. Would you like to be added to the ISAC mailing list? **Yes or No**

ISAC members are invited to attend the ISAC AGM. ISAC members may be approached to support specific ISAC activities. ISAC members in good standing are eligible to be considered for vacancies on the Board.

V. Endorsement and Signature

I have read, and agree to endorse and support the attached Mission Statement and Mandate of ISAC.

Signature : _____ **Date:** _____

*** Please refer to Mission Statement and Mandate, By-laws and Membership Policy**