



# CAMEROON SOLIDARITY GROUP

## MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

This membership agreement is an agreement between you (referred to in this Membership Agreement as the “member” and **Cameroon Solidarity Group**, a registered Texas non-profit corporation.

Member desires to join and participate as a member of **Cameroon Solidarity Group** in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

**Cameroon Solidarity Group** appeals to members for the sole purpose to:

- Provide financial support to its members upon the death of an immediate family member.
- Provide financial support to families upon the death of its members.

1. Member Eligibility.

Membership of Cameroon Solidarity Group is exclusively open to:

- Cameroonian, either by birth or parent descent, and
- Legal spouse of Cameroonian citizen, of at least
- Eighteen (18) years of age, and that
- Has lived in the Houston metropolitan area for the last six (6) months.

2. Membership Application.

At time of registration, member must choose between the two available assistance plans:

- Family Plan

This option provides financial assistance in case of death of an immediate family member and to the death of the member.

- Self-Plan

This option provides financial assistance solely in case of death of the member.

**N.B: Non-Cameroonian legal spouse can only be member under the “Self-Plan”.**

Member at no time shall switch from Family Plan to Self-Plan if he/she has previously received financial assistance. However, a member can move from Self-Plan to Family Plan due to some new circumstances (including birth or U.S. residence status of a child). If a new circumstance did not occur, member merging on the Family Plan must observe a ninety (90) days waiting period before receiving assistance from death of a family member.

### 3. Membership Fee

To become a member, one shall pay a one-time registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20). Additionally, the member shall pay an administration fee of ten dollars (\$10) at the time of registration and every consecutive year (by January 31<sup>st</sup> or the advised date by the board). Being up-to-date on membership dues (registration and administration fees) shall determine the status of membership. Neither the registration fee nor the administration fee shall be reimbursed to the member for any reason and under any circumstance. The board of directors reserves the right to increase the registration fee at any given time at its sole discretion.

### 4. Taxation.

Member understands and agrees that **Cameroon Solidarity Group** is **not a 501 (C)(3) organization** or any other tax-exempt organization at this time, and that any fees and contributions paid by the member to **Cameroon Solidarity Group** are not tax deductible.

### 5. Eligibility for Assistance.

Member is only eligible for assistance after he/she has been a member in good standing of **Cameroon Solidarity Group** for at least ninety (90) days after subscription.

To be considered in good standing, member must be current with the dues payments set forth in Section 3 herein.

- (a) Active Member on **"Family Plan"** shall be entitled to assistance upon the death of an Immediate Family Member (each eligible death is a "Support Event"). For purposes of this agreement, the term "Immediate Family Member" shall be limited to the member's:
- Biological father
  - Biological mother
  - Biological child (must be at least six (6) months old and under twenty- five (25) years old of age and must reside in the United States at the time of death)

(b) The death of a member constitutes a Support Event, provided that the member was in good standing at the time of his/her death. In the case of a member's death, the beneficiary listed in member's registration form may apply for a support payment by submitting the evidence listed in subsection (c) of this section.

(c) In order to receive payment hereunder due to a Support Event (a "Support Payment"), member (or member's duly authorized beneficiary) must provide the following evidence, the validity of which shall be determined in **Cameroon Solidarity Group** sole discretion:

- A certified death certificate;
- Evidence that the deceased was an Immediate Family Member of the beneficiary ("Eligible Relationship") e.g. member's birth certificate, deceased's birth certificate and marriage license.

In the event of member's death, this requirement is satisfied if the person claiming for a Support Payment is the beneficiary listed in member's membership registration form.

6. Member Benefits and Participation.

➤ Family Plan

In the event of death of an Immediate Family Member, member (the "Grieving Member") should contact **Cameroon Solidarity Group** to file a case within seventy-two (72) hours of time of death. Acceptable methods of communication or notification shall be by phone call, SMS or email to the board of **Cameroon Solidarity Group**.

Upon receiving notification from **Cameroon Solidarity Group** that a member (the "Grieving Member") has a case and is eligible for support, **Cameroon Solidarity Group** shall then inform all members under "Family Plan" that a "Support Contribution" of twenty dollars (\$20) per member is required.

"Support Contribution" must be received by **Cameroon Solidarity Group** no later than 6:00 p.m. on the fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) day after notification of member's eligibility for support by the board. **Cameroon Solidarity Group** shall then issue the Support Payment to the Grieving Member no later than 72 hours or on the night of the wake (if one is planned). The Support Payment shall constitute of the Support Contribution of \$20 multiply by the number of active members (up to the amount of \$10,000).

Notes: If two or more siblings are active members and file a claim based on the death of the same Immediate Family Member, the maximum Support Contribution that such active members can benefit from each member is forty dollars (\$40), to be equally divided among them, regardless of the number of siblings who are active members. For example: If three (3) active members are biological children of a deceased parent and claim for support payment, each member is only required to contribute a total amount of \$40 as Support Contribution.

Equally, in the event of member's death who is the Immediate Family Member of two or more active members, the maximum support contribution from each member is seventy dollars (\$70) with the beneficiary on the member's application benefiting the full support payment of fifty dollars (\$50) and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20) to be equally divided among the active members, regardless of the number of active members.

➤ Family Plan & Self-Plan

In the event of death of a member, beneficiary or family's member should contact **Cameroon Solidarity Group** to file a case within seventy-two (72) hours of time of death. Acceptable methods of communication or notification shall be by phone call, SMS or email to the board of **Cameroon Solidarity Group**.

Upon receiving notification from **Cameroon Solidarity Group** that a member has died, provided the deceased member was in good standing at the time of his/her death, **Cameroon Solidarity Group** shall then inform all members under “Family Plan & Self-Plan” that a “Support Contribution” of fifty dollars (\$50) per member is required.

“Support Contribution” must be received by **Cameroon Solidarity Group** no later than 6:00 p.m. on the fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) day after notification of member’s eligibility for support by the board. **Cameroon Solidarity Group** shall then issue the Support Payment to the member’s beneficiary no later than 72 hours or on the night of the wake (if one is planned). The Support Payment shall constitute of the Support Contribution of \$50 multiply by the number of active members (up to the amount of \$25,000).

Accepted forms of payment for “Support Contribution” are as follow:

- Online transfer into **Cameroon Solidarity Group’s** bank account.
- CashApp
- Cash, money order, cashier check deposited into **Cameroon Solidarity Group’s** bank account.

(when making deposit at the branch, please “WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BOTTOM OF THE DEPOSIT SLIP”) and for other forms of payment, please include your name (s) on the memo.

**BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

Bank Name: Bank of America

Account Name: Cameroon Solidarity Group

Account Number: 4880 7701 7282

Routing: 111000025

For “Zelle” transfer, use following email: cameroonsolidaritygroup@gmail.com

For Cashapp: 346-230-0755 \$CameroonSolidarity

(a) In order to receive a Support Payment, the grieving member (or duly authorized beneficiary) must sign a promissory note and provide a blank check drawn on a U.S. bank.

(b) Failure to make your “Support Contribution” by the deadline, member shall pay a penalty fee of \$20 within seven (7) days of the contribution deadline and \$50 thereafter up to fourteen days.

(c) Although it is not required, each member is strongly encouraged to attend the wake or funeral related to a Support Event if one is scheduled.

**6. Termination.**

(a) Membership automatically terminates with the death of a member.

(b) Membership terminates when a member misses a Support Contribution and fails to pay the fine after seven (14) days of the contribution deadline. Such member shall have no right, title or interest to any prior contributions.

(c) A member who has received one or more "Support Payments" cannot terminate his/her membership unless and until he/she reimburses **Cameroon Solidarity Group** the difference between the total Support Payment(s) received by such member minus the total of such Member's Support Contributions. For example: If member has received a Support Payment of \$2,000, and has made \$500 in Support Contribution, then such member must make a payment in the amount of \$1,500 to **Cameroon Solidarity Group** before the termination becomes effective. Until such termination becomes effective, such member shall continue to be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

(d) A member that has not received a Support Payment may terminate his/her membership at any time.

(e) In the event **Cameroon Solidarity Group** discovers that a member has made any misrepresentations to receive a Support Payment to which such member would not otherwise have been entitled, such member's membership shall be immediately terminated, and such member shall immediately reimburse the entire amount of the Support Payment to **Cameroon Solidarity Group**.

(f) Re-admission

- A member who voluntary leaves Cameroon Solidarity Group can be readmitted by completing a re-admission form.
- There shall be a re-admission fee of (\$200) two hundred dollars (subject to change) and the re-admitted member shall observe a six (6) months period in which he/she shall not be eligible for any benefits.
- Member that is dismissed from Cameroon Solidarity Group shall not be eligible for re-admission to the organization.

7. Choice of Law and Forum.

This agreement shall be governed and interpreted by the laws of the State of Texas. Any action arising from this agreement shall be filed in the Fort Bend County Superior Court and the Parties hereby consent to the jurisdiction and venue of the Fort Bend County Superior Court.

8. Attorney's Fees.

If any member is in breach or default under this agreement, the breaching member shall reimburse **Cameroon Solidarity Group** for all legal fees, expenses and costs of collection incurred by **Cameroon Solidarity Group** due to such breach or default.

"By submitting your registration form, you indicate that you have read and agreed to the terms presented in this membership agreement".

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