



YOUTH EMBROIDERERS' POLICY AND PROCEDURES

AIM

To foster interest and develop skills in the art of embroidery among the youth of Canada.

ESTABLISHED

Motion #2: Board of Director's Meeting, May 1991:

Moved that EAC accept as junior members those young people from ages 9 to 17 who are sponsored by an EAC member, the membership fee to be half of the adult membership.

Motion #7: Board of Director's Meeting, November 1992:

Youth Embroiderers may join EAC without being sponsored by an EAC member.

NAME

- These members are known as Youth Embroiderers (YE).
- Locally, a name may be chosen to identify a particular chapter of Youth Embroiderers.

AGE

- EAC/ACB recommends that Youth Embroiderers be nine to 21 years of age, as available materials are planned for this age range. Membership will not be denied for younger embroiderers who have an EAC/ACB member to assist them.
- Youth Embroiderers older than 21 years should be encouraged to become EAC/ACB members.

DUES

- Youth Embroiderers pay \$15.00 per year if they live within Canada and \$20.00 per year if they live outside Canada.
- Youth Chapters may wish to collect extra dues to cover the running expenses of the chapter.
- Annual memberships expire annually on a quarterly basis, either February 1, May 1, August 1 or November 1 and must be renewed prior to these dates.
- Youth Embroiderers forward their dues to the Youth Manager. Youth Chapters may forward their dues as a group if they share the same expiration date.
- Youth Embroiderers who have already paid individually may join a chapter by having their membership number forwarded by the chapter and paying only the extra dues assessed by the chapter.

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership can take two forms:

Chapter members affiliated with an organized Youth chapter, which may be sponsored by an EAC/ACB adult Chapter (Sponsor Chapter); fees paid to Youth Chapter Leader; may have to pay additional Chapter fees; has the benefit of regular meetings and interactions with local Youth members.

National members not affiliated with an organized Youth Chapter; pay fees directly to the Youth Manager; work on their own with the assistance of family or friends.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- A Needlework Notebook is forwarded to new members that they are encouraged to maintain.
- Packets of sample materials and needlework supplies are forwarded according to availability.
- Youth Embroiderers' News is forwarded quarterly, containing patterns, games, stitchery information, and embroidery items donated by members or needlework suppliers.
- Youth Embroiderers are encouraged to exhibit their work in the Members Exhibition at the seminar. If the Youth Embroiderer is between the ages of 18 and 21, they may exhibit their work as an adult member if they wish.
- Youth Embroiderers between the ages of 18 and 21 may attend seminars without the supervision of an EAC/ABC adult member. Youth Embroiderers between the ages of 14 and 17 may attend the seminar under the supervision of an EAC/ACB member.
- Youth Embroiderers between the ages of 14 and 17 may enroll in seminar classes if they are experienced embroiderers and exhibit the following behaviours; creative, committed, enthusiastic and disciplined. Please see "Seminar Sponsorship" guidelines under the Eleanor Thomas Youth Award Policy for more details.
- Youth Embroiderers between the ages of 14 and 17 may enroll in EAC/ACB Correspondence Courses under the supervision of an EAC/ACB Member. Youth Embroiderers between the ages of 18 and 21 may enroll in EAC/ACB Correspondence Courses without the supervision of an EAC/ACB Member.
- Youth Embroiderers between the ages of 18 and 21 may apply for any EAC/ACB grant, scholarship or award.
- Youth Embroiderers may sign up to have access to the Members' Only section of the EAC/ACB website and may also sign up to receive eThreads.
- Youth Embroiderers receive the September issue of *Embroidery Canada*. EAC/ACB members may wish to donate back issues to a Youth Embroiderers Chapter as a resource.
- Youth Embroiderers do not have voting privileges at the EAC/ACB Annual General Meeting.

CHAPTERS OF YOUTH EMBROIDERERS

- Chapters of Youth Embroiderers may be formed under the sponsorship of an EAC/ACB Chapter or an EAC/ACB National member in an area that does not have an EAC/ACB Chapter. The EAC/ACB sponsor chapter serves as a resource and guide to the Chapter of Youth Embroiderers.
- All Chapters of Youth Embroiderers must be registered with the EAC/ACB Youth Manager.
- All members of a Chapter of Youth Embroiderers must be registered with EAC/ACB as YE.
- Chapter meetings of Youth Embroiderers must have an adult EAC/ACB member in attendance.
- All Chapters of Youth Embroiderers may meet weekly, monthly, or as scheduled by the Chapter Leader.
- A contact address should be forwarded to the EAC/ACB Youth Manager to facilitate correspondence between EAC/ACB and the Chapter of Youth Embroiderers.
- The Chapter Leader must be a member in good standing of EAC/ACB and must have a recent Criminal Records Check, to be repeated every 5 years. All adult helpers must also be members in good standing of EAC/ACB and must have a recent Criminal Records Check, to be repeated every 5 years.

PROGRAMMES FOR YOUTH CHAPTERS

- The EAC/ACB Leonida Leatherdale Library may be accessed by Youth Embroiderers.
- The talents of EAC/ACB members may be one of the richest resources for programmes. Community resources such as art galleries, museums, craft persons, home economists, and historians also may provide programmes concerning embroidery and needlework.
- Every Youth Embroiderer receives an initial kit and quarterly newsletters which contain patterns for mini-projects, needlework supplies, and articles pertinent to embroidery.
- EAC/ACB has no prescribed programme but encourages the youth to provide programme ideas relative to their embroidery interests.
- Pictures of youth may be printed in the *Youth Embroiderers' Newsletter*, provided parental permission has been granted.
- Due to privacy laws and safety, no pictures of youth are to be printed on the EAC/ACB website or in *Embroidery Canada*.

RELATIONSHIP WITH EAC/ACB CHAPTERS

- The relationship of Youth Embroiderers with EAC/ACB sponsoring chapters is flexible and should be decided between the two groups.
- Sponsoring chapters may choose to invite Youth Embroiderers to attend regularly scheduled meetings or to participate in specific programmes and activities.