



# 2018

## Membership Form

### MEMBERSHIP TYPES

- Single \$35 – (1) T-shirt
- Couple \$60 – (2) T-shirts
- Family \$150 – (6) T-shirts

### MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

- 4 Four Membership “pot luck” Mixers – *Tentative Dates: 9/23, 10/21, 11/18, & 1/20/2018*
- Sombbrero Festival 2018 Member T-shirt
- Discounted Annual Gala Admission – February 10, 2018  
*Annual Costume Gala Member Price \$15 (non-members \$50)*
- SF2018 Entry – Entrance wristbands for all 3 days of the festival

**\*\*\*ALL MEMBERS MUST PRESENT ID AT EVERY MIXER\*\*\***

**PRIMARY** Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2X 3X

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Gala (\$15)  YES - payment date: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

I am aware that I am responsible for being familiar with all Terms & Conditions of Membership posted online at [www.sombbrerofestival.com](http://www.sombbrerofestival.com) and by my signature accept all Terms & Conditions of Membership.

**\*PRIMARY MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP PACKET PICK-UP\***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2X 3X

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Gala (\$15)  YES - payment date: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2X 3X

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Gala (\$15)  YES - payment date: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

**4<sup>th</sup>** Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2X 3X

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Gala (\$15)  YES - payment date: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

**5<sup>th</sup>** Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2X 3X

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Gala (\$15)  YES - payment date: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

**6<sup>th</sup>** Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2X 3X

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Gala (\$15)  YES - payment date: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

**\*\*\*\*\*FOR OFFICE USE ONLY\*\*\*\*\***

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Amt: \_\_\_\_\_ CC Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2018 Membership Terms & Conditions

Sombrero Festival Membership – Sombrero Festival Membership is a Membership sold to support the festival and entitles Members to the benefits and privileges specified here. Funds from Sombrero Festival Memberships are reserved for use at Sombrero Festival Membership Mixers, the Annual Costume Gala, and any other membership related event as directed by Sombrero Festival, Ltd. No membership funds are spent on the festival itself. Membership levels and prices are established by the Board of Directors in accordance with the By-laws of Sombrero Festival, Ltd.

## **MEMBERSHIP 2018:**

*Single* (1 person - \$35)

*Couple* (2 persons - \$60)

*Family* (6 persons - \$150)

## **Membership includes:**

- 1 T-shirt for each paid member listed
- Invitations to 4 “Pot Luck” Membership Mixers – also see Mixers under T&Cs
- SF2018 Entry – Entrance wristbands for all 3 days of festival.
- Discount Annual Gala Admission, Annual Costume Gala Member Price \$15 (non-members \$50) – also see Gala/Gala Admission under T&Cs.

**GALA ADMISSION IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERRABLE** (members listed on the membership form are non-transferable – NO EXCEPTIONS)

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**Member T-Shirts/Membership Packets** – Each paid member will receive a t-shirt with the annual t-shirt design for Sombrero Festival.

- Shirt Sizes **MUST** be indicated at the time membership is purchased. **If left blank, no shirt will be issued.**
- Shirts may **NOT** be exchanged for different sizes.
- Shirts will be part of the annual membership packet which includes your entrance wristbands for free admission to the festival.
- Membership packets will be available for pick-up to in the month of February (dates to be announced at a later date).
- Members will be notified of *2 distribution dates and locations*. If you are not able to pick-up your membership packet on either of the designated dates, your packets will be available for pick-up at Brownsville Convention and Visitors Bureau, 650 Ruben Torres Sr. Boulevard, 956-546-3721.
- Any membership packets not picked-up by February 23, 2018 from the Brownsville Convention and Visitors Bureau are forfeited and immediately become property of Sombrero Festival, Ltd.
- All Membership Packets will be put together to correspond with the membership purchased (EX: a business/family membership will be 1 packet which includes all shirts (6-family/8-business), wristbands, etc.). **Packets will not be broken up to be picked up separately.**
- Individuals will not be allowed to pickup partial packets or partial items from packets. The entire packet must be picked up as one item and the individual picking up then *becomes responsible for distribution to the other members* listed on the membership form.
- Should there be any question about responsibility for the packet – the Primary Member listed on the membership will be the main point of contact for Sombrero Festival.
- The Primary Member listed on the membership form is responsible for the identity of all members listed on the form. Sombrero Festival will not be responsible for providing names or incorrect information listed on the membership form.
- The Primary Member is responsible for Membership Packet pick up. **If Primary Member is unable to pick up Membership Packet, an email from the Primary Member’s email address must be sent to [SFMembership@Hotmail.com](mailto:SFMembership@Hotmail.com) with the Packet Pick-up Release Form.**

**Sombrero Festival Admission** – Membership **ONLY INCLUDES ADMISSION** to the annual Sombrero Festival. No additional discounts, privileges, access to restricted areas, or other benefits at the Festival are included with membership.

**Sombrero Festival, Ltd.** – Operates the Annual Sombrero Festival in Brownsville, TX. Membership does not include any benefits with regard to Sombrero Festival, Ltd.

**Mixers** – Sombrero Festival, Ltd. has tentatively scheduled membership mixers for the dates of 9/23/2017, 10/21/2017, 11/18/2017 and 1/20/2018.

- This is subject to change based on the needs of Sombrero Festival, Ltd.
- There is no guarantee of a minimum number of mixers
- Mixers are subject to be cancelled or re-scheduled due to inclement weather or any other cause, at the sole discretion of Sombrero Festival, Ltd.
- While mixers are normally held at Sombrero Festival Headquarters, the location is subject to change at the sole discretion of Sombrero Festival, Ltd.
- Each member must present an ID at every mixer, **no exceptions.**
- Sombrero Festival, Ltd. only provides beverages at mixers **while they last.**
- Members are encouraged to bring a covered dish to each membership mixer. Sombrero Festival provides no food at mixers and there should be no expectation that food will be provided. Only food brought by members is available for consumption.
- Alcohol consumption is permitted to those who are 21 years of age or older.
- Absolutely no take-out, to-go plates, or drinks are allowed or should be expected.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS(Continued)

**Gala/Gala Admission** – The Annual Costume Gala is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2018. Payments for Gala Admission can be made as early as the first membership mixer (9/23/2017). All payments must be received no later than the last scheduled mixer (01/20/2018). **THIS IS NOT INTENDED TO IMPLY THAT SEATS WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE ON 1/20/2018**, only that payments will still be accepted up to this date if there is seating available. **THIS IS A LIMITED SEATING EVENT**, seating is sold on a first come first served basis, and payments will be taken only while seats are still available.

### **GALA ADMISSION IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERRABLE**

- The Gala is a “Costume” Gala – A Traditional Charro Days Costume/Attire is encouraged.
- The Gala is a **limited seating event**. Once the maximum occupancy is met, opportunity to purchase admission will not be permitted.
- Members will be able to purchase Gala admission for only \$15 each – this is the discount Membership price.
- Members are restricted to 1 paid admission per member listed on the membership form.
- Non-members/General Public will be able to purchase admission at \$50 per person, **IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE**.
- Each member must present an ID to enter, no exceptions.
- Entry includes dinner, beverages, and entertainment for the night.
- Attendance at the Gala is restricted to persons 18+ years of age, unless they are listed paid members of Sombrero Festival on a membership form.
- Dinner hours at the Gala will be strictly observed. Members arriving after posted serving hours are not guaranteed food service.
- Absolutely no take-out or to-go plates are allowed or should be expected as part of the admission price for the annual costume gala.

**Returned Payments** – if payment for your membership is returned for any cause including but not limited to Non-Sufficient Funds, you will be assessed a **minimum processing fee of \$35.00**. If fees assessed by our financial institution exceed that amount you will be assessed the difference. You will be notified at the Primary e-mail address listed on the account, and membership privileges for all persons listed on the membership will be suspended. If you fail to pay assessments related to returned payments within **30 days of notice** being sent, your membership may be cancelled at the sole discretion of Sombrero Festival, Ltd.

**No Politicking Permitted** – Politicking is not permitted at Sombrero Festival or any Sombrero Festival event. Speeches and distribution of paraphernalia are strictly prohibited. Personal attire such as shirts hats, buttons, etc. are allowed, **but are discouraged! ANY VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE FORFEITURE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES** including but not limited to removal from the event where the violation occurs.

**\*\*TERMS & CONDITIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF SOMBRERO FESTIVAL, LTD.\*\***

### **FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)**

**1. Does my membership get me into the white VIP tent by the main stage or VIP area under the Big Tent?**

**NO** – the white VIP tent and VIP area under the Big Tent are reserved for Corporate Sponsors and/or Business Members of Sombrero Festival, and Sombrero Festival, Ltd. VIPs. For information on obtaining access to the VIP tent, see the Corporate Sponsor Packet on the [Sombrero Festival Website](#) (Forms or Downloads Page) for information on becoming a Corporate Sponsor. Access to the VIP TENT begins at the \$5,000.00 level and up.

**2. Do I get free beverages at Sombrero Festival with my membership?**

**NO**- With regard to the Festival, membership ONLY includes Admission. No other benefits at the festival itself are included.

**3. Do I get a discount on t-shirts, or items for sale at the Mercado at the festival?**

**NO**- With regard to the Festival, membership ONLY includes Admission. No other benefits at the festival itself are included.

**4. Is there parking for members for the festival?**

**NO**- With regard to the Festival, membership ONLY includes Admission. No other benefits at the festival itself are included.

**For more information,**

**Call or text: 956.410.2585 | Email: SFMembership@Hotmail.com**

**Liz Charles, VP of Membership | Elvia Lozoya, AVP of Membership**

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