# Application Guide for Intended Parents

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#### Thank you for your interest in

## **SURR®GACYUK**



#### **SurrogacyUK is a not for profit organisation and the UK's largest surrogacy community.** Our mission is to create, complete and support families through ethical surrogacy.

Established in 2002 by a group of experienced surrogates, SurrogacyUK was founded on the principles that trust, mutual respect, and friendship are essential for successful, ethical surrogacy journeys. We believe these values are fundamental not just for surrogacy journeys, but as guiding principles that extends beyond the surrogacy journey itself.

At the heart of our ethos is *Pride in Surrogacy* and the commitment to openness, especially concerning the children born through surrogacy. We advocate for maintaining lifelong connections between surrogates and intended parents, underpinned by the belief that every child deserves to know their origin story. Our expectation is for these relationships to evolve into lasting bonds, ensuring that the child has ongoing contact and a clear understanding of their unique story.

This belief in enduring connections and transparency forms the cornerstone of our approach, creating an environment where everyone involved in the surrogacy process feels supported, valued, and part of a larger, caring community

# Member Benefits

#### Why choose SurrogacyUK?

At SurrogacyUK our commitment to support, expertise, and community is unwavering, whether you're a surrogate or an intended parent. Our members benefit from a journey that's not just guided, but also enriched by our 20 years of experience and tailored to meet your individual needs.

#### **Application Coordinator**

Every member benefits from the personalised guidance of a specialised Application Coordinator, ensuring a smooth start to their surrogacy journey.

#### **Journey Management**

Our dedicated team assists in every phase of your journey, ensuring a supportive 'Get To Know' period and a seamless experience from start to finish. This includes personalised assistance in establishing your surrogacy agreement, using our extensive experience while catering to your specific requirements.

#### Meeting and Connecting

Through our private app and members' HUB, we provide a safe and secure space for surrogates and intended parents to meet and connect. We guide intended parents in creating profiles and offer online search facilities for surrogates while supporting them to make an informed and well-aligned choice to help establish a successful surrogacy team.

#### Comprehensive Support Network

Access to our members' HUB, interactive workshops, and wellbeing sessions provide an inclusive and informative environment. We provide online and in-person spaces for our community to meet in a safe and pressure-free environment.







#### Expert Resources and Preparation

Thorough application reviews, preparation courses, and workshops we ensure everyone is well-prepared and informed for their surrogacy journey.

#### **Social and Wellbeing Events**

Through engagement in multiple, free social and wellbeing events , both online and in person, our members build a mutually supportive community.

#### Security and Peace of Mind

All surrogates undertake a detailed application and assessment process to make sure that surrogacy is right for them, and have access to a comprehensive mentoring and support programme.

#### Long-term Support

From resources for children born through surrogacy to post-journey events, we provide an extensive support system.

#### **Tailored Assistance**

Including help navigating surrogate expenses, liaising with clinics, employers, and healthcare professionals.

#### **Expert Emotional Support**

We offer continuous emotional support through our dedicated Support Team who all have personal surrogacy experience. Additionally, our in-house counsellor is also a parent through surrogacy. The team provides invaluable guidance and understanding, ensuring you're supported by experience at every step.

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# The SurrogacyUK Application Process

#### **Request a free consultation**

Contact enquiries@surrogacyuk.org to arrange a consultation

#### Submit application to join SurrogacyUK

Fill in the online application form via www.surrogacyuk.org and pay your application and administration fee.

#### Attend surrogacy preparation course

Attend online workshops on a variety of topics designed to ensure all applicants are informed before becoming members

#### **Undertake mandatory checks**

ID verification, DBS checks, health and wellness checks and welfare of the child checks

#### Submit self-reflection form

An opportunity to reflect on your application and explore your expectations of a surrogacy journey

#### **Support and application review**

A one-to-one meeting with a member of our team to discuss your application and to discover your support requirements

#### **Approval panel and decision**

Application and documents reviewed by our approval panel and a decision about your membership shared with you.

#### **Membership granted**

Pay your membership fee and enjoy immediate access to our community.



## Application and Administration Fee

**£600** which covers all the administration involved in processing your application, plus your surrogacy preparation course

### **Membership Fee**

**£1800** which covers all member benefits and is inclusive of all processes such as your agreement, support, wellbeing, mentoring, journey management, social events \*implications counselling and all costs associated with processing surrogate applications and supporting surrogates.

#### **Renewal Fee**

**£120** due annually after your first 12 months of membership which covers all ongoing costs associated with remaining a member.

### Surrogates join for FREE

Membership for surrogates is free and we will pay for all checks associated with applying, plus fertility testing if required.

# Our fees

\*the counselling for implications included in your membership fee applies solely to straight surrogacy arrangements. For host surrogacy, IVF clinics mandate their own separate implications counselling, which incurs an additional fee payable directly to the clinic

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## Our ethos of trust, mutual respect, and friendship is not just a statement; it's the heartbeat of our community.

Whether you are looking to become a surrogate or an intended parent, SurrogacyUK offers a pathway filled with understanding, care, and expertise.

Here, every member is valued, supported, and is an integral part of our organisation's mission to create and grow families and forge lifelong bonds. Your journey with us is more than just a process: it's an experience enriched with knowledge, support, and a sense of true belonging.

For more information or to start your application, please visit our website or contact us directly.



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# Contact SurrogacyUK