

# Application Guide for Intended Parents

**SURROGACYUK**



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**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

Applying to SurrogacyUK is not a linear or guaranteed pathway to membership. Instead, it is an ongoing assessment process, where we build a holistic understanding of your readiness for surrogacy, your expectations, and your alignment with our values.

Our priority is to ensure that any journey taking place within our community is safe, informed, and centred on the welfare of the child.

## Online consultation

An opportunity to speak with our team, ask questions, and explore whether SurrogacyUK is the right fit for you. This is not part of the assessment process and does not guarantee membership. Contact [enquiries@surrogacyuk.org](mailto:enquiries@surrogacyuk.org) to arrange an appointment.

## Submit online application to join SurrogacyUK

Complete the online application form on [www.surrogacyuk.org](http://www.surrogacyuk.org) and pay the application & administration fee. This marks the beginning of your application and assessment process.

## Undertake mandatory checks & provide information

As part of your application, we will gather key information to support safeguarding and assessment. This includes:

- ID verification and DBS checks
- Health and wellbeing information (including GP input)
- Welfare of the child considerations

This helps us understand your circumstances and ensure appropriate foundations for a future journey.

## Attend surrogacy preparation course

You will take part in our mandatory preparation course, designed to support both your understanding of surrogacy and our ongoing assessment of your readiness.

This includes exploring expectations, relationships, boundaries, and the long-term implications of surrogacy.

## Submit self-reflection form

You will be asked to complete a self-reflection form to explore your motivations, expectations, and approach to surrogacy in more depth.

## Counselling review

In some cases, applicants may be invited to attend a session with our counsellor as part of the application process.

## Application review & ongoing assessment

Throughout the process, your application is reviewed on an ongoing basis.

This includes consideration of:

- your understanding of surrogacy
- your readiness and expectations
- your ability to engage in an open, respectful, and non-coercive journey
- the welfare of any child born through surrogacy

## Membership decision

Where membership is offered, you will be invited to join the SurrogacyUK community and complete your membership registration.



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## Application and Administration Fee

**£800** This fee covers the administration and assessment work involved in processing your application, including background checks, preparation and educational sessions, and staff time in reviewing your application.

This fee is non-refundable, as these costs are incurred regardless of the outcome of your application or if you choose to withdraw partway through the process.

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## Membership Fee

**£2000** This fee supports your membership within SurrogacyUK and contributes to the delivery of our community, support structures, and journey management processes.

This includes:

- Agreement support
- Wellbeing and mentoring
- Journey management
- Community events
- Implications counselling (where applicable)

It also contributes to the wider work involved in supporting surrogates and maintaining a safe and ethical surrogacy community.

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## Renewal Fee

**£240 annually** This covers the ongoing costs associated with remaining an active member of the SurrogacyUK community.

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## 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

\*\*The application process is an ongoing assessment. Payment of the administration fee and completion of the process does not guarantee that membership will be offered



**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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