



# The Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists

## Individual Membership Application Procedures

As Baptists we do not require adherence to a prescribed faith or theological statement. Each member of the Association is encouraged to tell us what being welcoming and affirming means to them. Many of our members have found this to be a very worthwhile exercise. This might be a description of part of your own personal journey, a statement about your involvement with the gay community, your attitude towards the role of lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender persons in the church, a sermon, etc. *You may also simply request membership, indicating your support of AWAB's purpose and mission.*

### Purpose & Mission

Members of the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists are churches, organizations, and individuals who are willing to go on record as welcoming and affirming all persons without regard to sexual orientation, and who have joined together to advocate for the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons within Baptist communities of faith. We envision that the day may speedily come within Baptist Churches when no one shall feel excluded from God's love in Jesus Christ because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

### Membership/Donation Fees

**Individual Membership** - It is expected that Association members will support the work of the Association by making a yearly pledge. However, membership will not be denied to individuals due to inability to pay the suggested minimum membership fee. Simply make a notation on membership application. Suggested amounts for annual membership donations are listed below.

**Household Membership** - Two or more persons in same household may join the Association in one application. \$85 is the household membership minimum donation.

#### Rainbow Donors

Red:	\$50	Yellow:	\$100-249	Blue:	\$500-999
Orange:	\$50-99	Green:	\$250-499	Violet:	\$1000-4999

#### Over the Rainbow Donors

Annual gifts of \$5000 or more

*You may mail your application form and statement sheet but pay your membership donation securely online by credit card or PayPal. Checks should be made payable to AWAB and mailed along with completed application to:*

**The Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists  
PO Box 545, Kensington, MD 20895**



The Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists  
Individual Membership Application Form

Name  Rev  Ms  Mr  Dr \_\_\_\_\_

Rev  Ms  Mr  Dr \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Membership donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_  Enclosed  Made by credit card online

I have completed W&A Statement Sheet as described on the other side or on the previous page if this form was acquired online.

I have not submitted a statement but I affirm AWAB's mission and purpose as described on the other side or on the previous page if this form was acquired online.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**Referral Information:** (Please fill in the section below if you are willing to be a referral resource for those seeking networking or someone supportive in your geographic area.)

Denominational staff (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor  Chaplain  Counselor  Educator  Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am a family member of a gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender person who is my:

Parent  Child  Sibling  Husband/Wife  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Local church I attend, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Denominational Affiliation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** For those consenting to be a referral resource, only their name, email or phone number will be disclosed by AWAB. Names of individual members not wishing to be a resource will not be disclosed. Membership in the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists is not to be construed as an indication of sexual orientation.

## **W&A Statement Sheet**

Please use this sheet to indicate what welcoming & affirming means to you or to state that you are supportive of AWAB's mission and purpose.