

# YESS Membership Application Form

## Membership Criteria

Membership in the YESS: Yarn Ethically & Sustainably Sourced™ (YESS™) initiative managed by Responsible Sourcing Network, Inc. (RSN), is open to a variety of stakeholders in the cotton textile supply chain including retailers, brands, agents, manufacturers (fabric mills and spinning mills), service providers, consultants, traders, merchants, industry associations, academics, and civil society organizations (CSOs). YESS seeks to support all stakeholders—particularly spinning mills and fabric mills based due diligence approach for cotton sourcing, and to collaborate to prevent, mitigate, and remediate forced labor in cotton production.

Applicants for a YESS membership must demonstrate the following:

1. The organization must be a legal entity, established for at least one year. If the organization is a subsidiary, RSN will need to perform a due diligence check on the parent organization as well, so the information requested on page 2 of this Form for the organization must also be provided for the parent organization.
2. The organization's long-term goals should be consistent with the mission and vision of YESS listed on p. 3 of [the YESS Membership Brochure](#).
3. The organization must demonstrate a commitment to upholding ethical, social, and environmental standards by aligning with the [RSN Principles of Responsible Conduct for YESS](#).
4. The organization must not present any current or past (last 3 years) legal or reputational risks to YESS. RSN reserves the right to protect and safeguard against risks that may diminish, disparage, or otherwise damage RSN's or YESS's reputation, credibility, or their goodwill, by denying membership.

**Note:** Organizations that do not meet one or more of the membership criteria may still apply. In such cases, a justification addendum to the membership application must be provided at time of submission. A justification addendum may also be requested by the YESS membership team after reviewing the application.

## Membership Activation

Once the application has been approved, RSN will send the YESS Membership Agreement to the applicant organization to be signed. YESS membership will be activated upon receipt of the signed YESS Membership Agreement and receipt of the first payment of the annual membership dues.

For submission of the application and for any questions regarding the application process, please send to the YESS Membership Team: [membership@sourcingnetwork.org](mailto:membership@sourcingnetwork.org).

## Membership Application

Please complete the following sections by either filling in the text boxes, selecting a drop down menu option, or selecting the appropriate tick-box.

| Organization Information   |  |
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| <b>General Information</b>   |  |
| Name of Entity / Organization / Company  |  |
| Entity Registration Number / Tax ID  |  |
| Year Established   |  |
| Phone Number   |  |
| Website  |  |
| Address (Headquarters)   |  |
| Building   |  |
| Street   |  |
| City   |  |
| State/Region   |  |
| Post/Zip Code  |  |
| Country  |  |
| Provide a website link to beneficial owners, persons with significant control, and senior directors; or a list of names. |  |
| Organization's key activities (select from dropdown menu)  |  |
| <b>Membership Engagement &amp; Participation</b>   |  |
| Objectives for joining YESS  |  |
| Are you interested in participating in the YESS Advisory Committee this year?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

| Points of Contact  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Primary Contact</b>                                     |  |
| Name (First, Last)   |  |
| Position   |  |
| E-mail   |  |
| Phone Number   |  |
| <b>Secondary Contact Person</b>                            |  |
| Name (First, Last)   |  |
| Position   |  |
| E-mail   |  |
| Phone Number   |  |
| <b>Contact for Invoicing</b>                               |  |
| Attention to: Name (First, Last)                           |  |
| E-mail   |  |
| Phone Number   |  |
| Address (if different from HQ)                             |  |
| Building   |  |
| Street   |  |
| City   |  |
| State/Region   |  |
| Post/Zip Code  |  |
| Country  |  |
| Additional invoice information or payment platform details |  |

### Membership Dues:

In accordance with YESS Membership Terms and Conditions, all members must pay annual membership dues. Please check below the appropriate membership category for your organization.

| Organizational Type  | Annual Dues | Select One |
|--|-------------|------------|
| <b>NGOs, Academics, and Associations</b>   | \$250       |            |
| <b>Manufacturers, Individual Consultants, and Micro Companies</b><br>(<USD \$2m in annual revenue) | \$1,000     |            |
| <b>Agents, Small Companies / Service Providers</b><br>(USD \$2-20m in annual revenue)              | \$5,000     |            |
| <b>Medium Sized Companies</b><br>(USD \$20-100m in annual revenue)                                 | \$10,000    |            |
| <b>Large Sized Companies</b><br>(USD \$100m+ in annual revenue)                                    | \$20,000    |            |

### Applicant Due Diligence:

As part of the applicant review process, the YESS membership team will conduct a risk-based assessment of the applicant's legal status and business activities, presence on a sanctioned or entity list, or current or past regulatory violations or involvement in controversial undertakings (past 3 years).

If your organization or any key individuals listed above have been involved in any human rights violations or other activities of concern in the past 3 years, please provide relevant information below. This space can also be used to provide parent organizational details or any other notes to communicate to the YESS membership team for consideration.