



## General Information - Membership

En Ka’s Mission: The En Ka Society is a non-profit charitable organization comprised of over 200 women volunteers. Our mission is to aid various non-profit organizations and initiatives that serve the people of Winchester, its residents in need, and our town for public purposes. We provide both monetary assistance and direct service programs in the community. Funding for these services is raised primarily through our annual town-wide fair, grants, other fundraising events, and donations. Since 2000, En Ka has given over \$2 million back to the community through grants, social service outlays, and community outreach initiatives.

En Ka annually provides thousands of “woman hours” to Winchester nonprofit organizations. Members work alongside each other at the En Ka Fair as well as at the En Ka Exchange, En Ka Pantry, and the Turkey Trot. Members also participate in other community and social service activities, such as delivering Meals on Wheels, providing daily snacks for residents at the ABC House, hosting events for our Seniors, and much more.

Thank you for your interest in joining En Ka! We are ready and eager to welcome you.

Here is some additional information to help guide your decision to apply:

- Applicants/members must be at least 21 years old.
- Members must have a connection to Winchester, which may include residency, employment or family.
- Candidates for membership must be sponsored by an existing member who is in good standing. (If you do not currently know any members, we will work with you to coordinate this.)
- Membership includes annual dues which is currently \$75 per year (financial hardship exclusions are permitted.)

Members of En Ka are required to serve in a variety of capacities to support its mission. There are many ways to fulfill our membership requirements.

<b>Core Society Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>En Ka Fair</b></li> <li>✓ <b>En Ka Pantry</b></li> <li>✓ <b>En Ka Exchange resale clothing shop</b></li> <li>✓ <b>En Ka Turkey Trot</b></li> </ul>
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<b>Supporting Society Activities</b>	
<p><u>Community Outreach Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winchester Housing Authority Events</li> <li>• Jenks Events</li> <li>• Mt. Vernon House Events</li> <li>• ABC Snack Delivery</li> <li>• Meals on Wheels</li> <li>• Thanksgiving Baskets</li> </ul>	<p><u>General Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Society Meetings</li> <li>• Volunteer as Kitchen Staff</li> <li>• Attend Provisional Member Tea</li> <li>• Propose a New Member</li> <li>• March in Fair Parade</li> <li>• Serve on Executive Board or Committee</li> </ul>

For the first 15 years of membership:

- all members volunteer 18 hours at our annual street fair each May
- plus an additional 18 hours (6 shifts) over the course of the year to any combination of other Core Activities

For additional information and/or an application, please complete the inquiry form on our website:

<https://enkasociety.org/join-us/> or contact our Membership chair at [membership@enkasociety.org](mailto:membership@enkasociety.org)