

Clan Scott Society

Membership is invited from all descendants of the surname Scott; associated families Balwearie, Bucklew, Geddes, Harden, Laidlaw, Langlands (however spelled); and those with an interest in the heritage of the Middle March of the Borders of Scotland.



New Membership Application

(Do not use for Annual Renewal of Membership)
This application is to be completed by the family member with the Clan Scott connection. Your spouse and any unmarried children under the age of 18 automatically become members.

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* Indicates required information. Please write legibly!

Applicant Information

Membership in the Clan Scott Society is open to any adult person, regardless of ancestry.
If you have no known surname connection to Clan Scott, please leave this statement blank.

For recordkeeping and genealogical research purposes, I trace my lineage by the family surname (last name) of _____, which is either Scott or one of the accepted associated family surnames as traced through my _____ (mother's or father's) side of my family.

Prefix* Mr, Miss, Mrs, Ms, Dr, etc.	First Name* Given Name	Middle Name*	Maiden Name Woman's Surname at Birth	Last Name* Surname	Suffix Sr, Jr, III, PhD, etc.
Nickname or Preferred Name		Date of Birth* Please use Month Name, 2-digit Day, and 4-digit Year		Place of Birth Please include, City, State/Province, and Country	
Mailing Address, Line 1* Include Apartment, Suite, or Unit Number; PO Box Number			Mailing Address, Line 2 If needed		
City or Town*	State/Province*	Zip Code or Postal Code*	Country If not United States		
Home Phone Number* Use cell number if it is your primary or preferred number		Cell Phone Number	Work Phone Number Used only if you cannot be otherwise reached by phone		
Primary Email Address* Your email address — Very Important for Clan communications			Secondary Email Address Second email address should your primary stop working		

Spouse Information

Prefix* Mr, Miss, Mrs, Ms, Dr, etc.	First Name* Given Name	Middle Name*	Maiden Name Woman's Surname at Birth	Last Name* Surname	Suffix Sr, Jr, III, PhD, etc.
Nickname or Preferred Name		Date of Birth* Please use Month Name, 2-digit Day, and 4-digit Year		Place of Birth Please include, City, State/Province, and Country	
Divorced? <input type="checkbox"/>			Deceased? <input type="checkbox"/>		

Children's Information

First Name* Given Name	Middle Name*	Maiden Name Woman's Surname at Birth	Last Name* Surname	Date of Birth* Month Name, 2-digit Day, and 4-digit Year	Suffix Sr, Jr, III, PhD, etc.	Deceased?
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have more children, please attach an additional sheet with their information.

Additional Information

We want to get involved, we can:	How did you learn about us?

New Membership is \$30, renewable before January of each year.

This amount includes initiation fee, annual dues, and subscription to the Clan's quarterly newsletter. Those joining in the last third of the year receive paid membership through the following calendar year. Please send checks in **US Funds payable to Clan Scott**. Allow 4-6 weeks for processing.

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Membership Questions? Membership@ClanScottSociety.org

Did you remember to include your email address? Our Clan uses email for timely communication.

The Clan Scott Society respects your privacy. Please see our Privacy Policy.

Common Questions about the Clan Scott Society Application

1. **What is the block at the top starting with the words “For recordkeeping and genealogical research purposes, I trace my lineage by the family surname (last name) of ...” all about?** Because we are a family name organization, it is important to know who has a connection to the Scott surname and how. If you don’t have a connection to Scott or one of the associated family names but are interested in Scott heritage, you can still become a member.
2. **Why do you want our full names?** We use your full name on your membership certificate and to help uniquely identify you. (We have many members with the same given names and several duplicate names among non-Scott surname members, too!) If you prefer us to use only your first name or another name on mailing labels and in the member directory, please indicate on the application your preferred name or nickname but please include your full name as well.
3. **Why do you ask for home, cell, and business phone numbers?** Only your home phone number is listed in the member directory. Many people use a cell phone as their primary phone these days. If so, please list it as your home phone number, too. Your business phone number is only used should we need to reach you and your home phone number is not working or we need to reach you during business hours. Rest assured it is very rare that you would receive Clan phone calls at work. If you are uncomfortable listing a business number, it may be omitted.
4. **Why do you ask for my email address? Are you going to share it with spammers?** We do not share your email address with outsiders. The Clan uses email to communicate important and interesting information with members. As your application is processed, you will receive messages informing you of its progress. You’ll receive an email telling you of your ID and password to enter the members-only area of our web site. You’ll also receive a message telling you that your email address has been added to our email distribution list (hosted by Rootsweb.com). The email distribution list helps us keep you informed of Clan-related events between issues of our newsletter plus occasional news and historical information relevant to our heritage. You should expect to receive fewer than a dozen messages per month from our list. Be sure to include *Membership@ClanScottSociety.org*, *ListAdmin@ClanScottSociety.org*, *clan-scott@rootsweb.com*, and *Webmaster@ClanScottSociety.org* in your email software’s accept list.
5. **Why do you ask for birth date and place of birth?** Your birth date helps us calculate what you would pay for Life membership and we have been known to send birthday greetings. We also use your birth date and your place of birth to help us understand more about our membership so we can serve your needs better. For instance, we can determine age clusters among our membership and migration patterns that help us understand common traits and heritage.
6. **Why do you ask if I’m divorced or if my spouse is deceased? Why should I include this information?** We would like to know the name of a deceased or divorced spouse, particularly if you have children. Additionally, we need to know if they are deceased or divorced from you so we won’t inappropriately list them in the membership directory. Your living spouse is a member by virtue of your membership and some spouses become just as involved as a member with the Scott connection.
7. **Why do you ask about my children?** Children under 18 are members by virtue of your membership. When the child becomes 18, they may become members in their own right. (Initiation fee is waived if they become members within six months of their 18th birthday.) We need to know their birth date to determine their status. We also appreciate knowing information about your grown children. This helps us identify parents, adult children, and siblings who are members.
8. **What do you want us to tell you about “getting involved?”** Tell us your interests, skills, and resources you think might benefit the Clan locally or Clan-wide. If you’d like to help with festivals or would like to help others with genealogy, let us know. If you have a professional skill that might benefit the Clan in some way, let us know. A report is periodically prepared and shared with Clan leadership identifying those members who are willing to help the Clan in some way.
9. **What do you want me to tell you about how I discovered Clan Scott?** Tell us if you originally learned of us at a festival, other event, publication, on the Internet, or somewhere else. It helps us to know what promotional methods work best.
10. **Why don’t you tell me what it costs to become a Life member on this application?** We need to know your age. Life membership dues vary with age and there are several age/price tiers. Younger members pay more than older members. You will be told the cost of becoming a Life member when you receive your new member packet and annually at renewal time.
11. **Why don’t you prorate annual dues or make dues payable on the anniversary of joining?** Our organization is volunteer-run and is a non-profit. Time and money are limited. Sending out dues notices once a year is the best use of our resources. For those joining late in the calendar year, the following year’s membership is included; those joining early in the year receive available back issues of the Clan’s newsletter and other member benefits.
12. **I’m uncomfortable giving out some of this personal information. What does Clan Scott Society do with the information and how is it protected?** The Membership Secretary keeps your membership application and similar documents only for as long as it takes to be reasonably certain the information was properly recorded – usually no more than three months – then shredded. Your membership information is kept in a database and the database is not shared or accessible on the Internet. Your name, your spouse’s name, your address, your home phone number, and your email address are listed in the member directory. This directory is accessible by other members in our restricted Members-Only area of our website. Search engines and others do not have access to restricted areas of our website. You may opt to make your address, phone number, and/or email address private (omitted) in our member directory. The Information Verification Form sent with your New Member Packet has a place to indicate your privacy preferences. Clan officials do have access to a confidential directory that does not suppress this information. All other personal information is strictly held confidential and shared only on a need-to-know-basis with Clan officials.

More questions? Please contact the Membership Secretary at Membership@ClanScottSociety.org