

Below is an application to the Avengers Initiative along with my own application as a sample. Please send your application to membership@avengershq.com.

If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

Avengers Initiative Application

We, the Members of the AVENGERS INITIATIVE are always looking for those who feel up to the challenge to join our cause. If you feel that you can bring something special to our group, then we welcome you to apply. Please respond with the following questions.

-Full Name:

-Character(s):

-Email:

-Phone Number:

-Where do you live?:

-Are you currently attached to any other costuming groups?:

-If yes, are you active in that group?:

-The AVENGERS INITIATIVE is a costuming group that attends multiple events through the year, both public and private. If extended membership, would you be able to attend most of these events?(See article II, section D of the Charter):

D. Minimum Activity Level Requirements

- 1. Maintain active contact with his/her Chapter CO or designated ML. Active contact and participation will be confirmed during the annual Avengers Initiative Census held each year during the month of October.**
- 2. Maintain their contact information/membership record in the Avengers Initiative Database (either through their Chapter CO or their designated representative (Membership Liaison)).**
- 3. Participate in at least ONE Avengers Initiative activity per year while wearing an approved Avengers costume owned by said member. One year is defined as a rolling 12-month window from last activity so, for example, a member costuming on June 30 will have to costume on or before June 30 the following year to be considered active. Costuming in non-owned costumes is allowable, but not for maintaining basic membership requirements.**

Examples of an activity include, but are not limited to conventions, charity events, or any event designated as an official event by an administrative unit of the local Chapter. Those who serve in their nation's military branches are exempt from activity level requirements if their service renders them unable to meet these requirements.

These Minimum Activity Level Requirements should be administered as justly and with as much common sense as possible.

-Why do you want to join the AVENGERS INITIATIVE? What do you want to bring to the table and what do you want to get out of it?

-Please attach three photos of your costume(s). The front, back, and side. Please use clear photos as this is to get the best description of it. Please see article VII of the charter so that you know what we're looking for.

Article VII - Costuming Standards

A. COSTUMING STANDARDS - The Avengers Initiative promotes creating, owning, and wearing the costumes from the Marvel Universe featured in films, comics, and expanded universe. To capture the magic of these characters, the goal will always be the accurate presentation and portrayal of these costumes. However, we recognize that this hobby centers around fun and creativity. Therefore, the Avengers make allowances for the creative modification of these costumes within the confines of decency (defined as being without profane or vulgar features or statements and must be viewable by young children).

An official Avengers Initiative Event is defined as a gathering of one or more active Avengers members with a specific goal (i.e. fundraising, promotion, awareness) that does not adversely affect the intellectual property of Marvel Comics, where the members have identified themselves as representatives of the Avengers Initiative. Different events, however, may call for different standards. For this reason, two categories are identified to help Avengers members recognize what standards will be in place for any given event, whether hosted by or attended by members of the Avengers. These categories are “formal/canon” and “informal/non-canon.”

B. FORMAL/CANON - Costumes must be accurate, authentic-looking costumes from the movies or licensed media (games, books, etc.). Costumes must be devoid of stickers, ornamentation, or any other decoration not found on the original costumes. Costumes must be complete, containing all parts in good working order and appearance (unless item is supposed to be worn or deteriorated). If a member has a question whether his or her costume meets the specifications of a formal/canon costume, they should refer to the

Reference Library through Marvel Universe's web site for the costume, or contact their ML. Formal/canon events include any event involving Marvel or its affiliates, or any other event where formal presentation is expressly asked for, expected, or required. An example of this would be escorting celebrities associated with Marvel Comics. This would be considered an official event, as it calls for our members to represent the Avengers Initiative in formal dress (unless the event organizer has specified that informal/non-canon costumes are acceptable).

C. INFORMAL/NON-CANON - Costumes may be authentic, canon costumes or non-authentic, non-canon costumes never seen in any licensed Marvel Comics media, and may be decorated and ornamented as the owner desires (again, within the confines of decency as previously defined). Costumes can be painted alternate color schemes, adorned with stickers or cosmetic changes, or supplemented with articles not found in licensed media. Informal events include public parties or conventions or wherever members of the Avengers are not officially representing the club.

NOTES:

- * The default for any public appearance of the Avengers is informal/non-canon.**
- * The Avengers code of conduct applies at ALL events, formal or informal.**
- * Events must be designated formal/canon for those standards to apply.**
- * The final decision on the applicable costuming standard for a given event is left to the HCO for Avengers events or the CO for local events, with full consideration being given to the event organizer.**

Please keep in mind that for full membership we are looking for those willing to put for the effort in either purchasing, or making their costume as high of quality as possible.

-If you do not have a completed costume, what are your plans for making your costume and how are you going to make your appearance resemble your character as close as possible?

We will only be offering full membership to those with completed costumes. For those with costumes still being built, we consider them preliminary members and still invite them to our events to meet other members and get a feel how events are run. They can be photographers for the group or dress as SHIELD agents. All that is needed is a black suit and tie (girls can wear a black

pencil skirt) and I will provide the badge. You can also add a fake gun and ear piece for added effect.

Below is a sample application.

To whom it may concern,

I am formerly applying for membership to the Avengers Initiative. Per procedures, I am submitting the following information.

- Full Name: Mark Chu-Lin
- E-mail: mchulin@yahoo.com
- Phone number: XXX-XXX-XXXX
- What part of California are you from? Sacramento (Northern California)
- Are you currently attached to any other costuming groups?

Yes, I belong to the 501st Legion, the Rebel Legion and the Wolf Pack Elite.

- If yes, are you active in that group? Yes, I am.
- The AVENGERS INITIATIVE is a costuming group that attends multiple events through the year, both public and private. If extended membership, would you be able to attend most of these events?(See article II, section D of the Charter): Yes, I would.
- Why do you want to join the AVENGERS INITIATIVE? What do you want to bring to the table and what do you want to get out of it?

I have enjoyed Marvel characters since I was child. I also enjoy serving the community in my various fan costumes. Aside from my time in costuming, I bring over 10 years of experience from various promotional and administrative positions from volunteer organizations. As to what I want to get out of being in the club, I personally enjoy serving and working with fellow club members along with helping the community.

- Please attach three photos of your costume(s). The front, back, and side. Please use clear photos as this is to get the best description of it. Please see article VII of the charter so that you know what we're looking for.

- War Machine (blend of movie armor with comic influences)

Front

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Back

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Right and Left Side

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SHIELD Agent (Marvel Universe comic style)

Front

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Back

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Right and Left Side

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Should you have any questions or comments, please let me know. Thanks for your time and interest.

Sincerely,
Mark Chu-Lin