



## Membership Application

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Types of Membership:

- Individual \$25
- Nonprofit Organisation \$35
- Family \$35
- Sponsor \$50
- Senior/Student \$10
- Business/Patron \$100

### Please check areas of interest:

- Culture and Art Exchanges
- Education
- Fund-raising
- Hospitality/Homestays
- Membership
- Program planning, Community Events
- Translation:  Russian  Uzbek
- Visitor Exchanges
- Website/Newsletter
- Women & children
- Other

### Please make checks payable to:

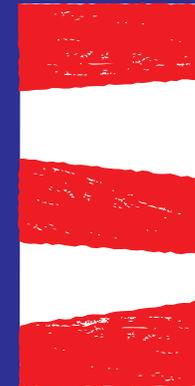
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P.O. Box 25364, Seattle, WA. 98165-2264

All funds are used for activities that fulfill  
the purpose of the Sister City Association.

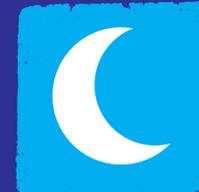
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*"To foster  
international  
understanding  
and goodwill  
and to develop  
programs  
that benefit  
both cities."*



# Seattle Tashkent sister city association



## Who We Are:

STSCA is a nonprofit citizen organization officially recognized by the City of Seattle and the International Sister City Association. Tashkent is the capital of the independent Republic of Uzbekistan. In 1973, Seattle and Tashkent formed the first Soviet-American sister city link and for over 37 years have promoted both official and people-to-people exchanges.



With uncertain relations between the U.S. and much of the Islamic world, our long-lived-ties are increasingly important as the basis of people-to-people diplomacy.

## Tashkent City

For 13 centuries merchants traveled the silk road between Europe and China through Tashkent. Today this 2,000-year old Central Asian city has a population of over 2.2 million and is the center of Uzbekistan, which is a major supplier of cotton, rice, silk, coal, sulfur, copper, oil and other products. Today's visitors will find a city rich with culture that includes theater, museums, textile and other arts. With an abundance of fountains and parks, the city is a lush oasis in arid Uzbekistan.



Emerging from the Soviet Union's isolation from the West, independent Uzbekistan has begun building new educational and social service institutions. New to democracy, Uzbekistan is engaging with the world, developing ties and securing support from across the globe. Tashkent as the capital is at the heart and at the head of these efforts.

## What We Do:

Sister City exchanges have included colorful official visits by mayors, deputy mayors and city council members. It has also fostered people-to-people diplomacy. Despite the cold war, Seattle and Tashkent developed close ties, gradually eroding the enemy image of the Soviet Union and forging lasting friendships between individuals through a variety of exchanges that continue to grow and flourish today. We are forging a new relationship with the goals of spreading an

appreciation of Uzbek culture in the U.S. and vice versa providing development and humanitarian assistance in our exchange programs. STSCA cooperates with many Washington State organizations, including the University of Washington's internationally known Uzbek and Central Asian studies program.

## Projects: Past, Present & Future

Selected Summary of Former and Future Projects:

- **History of the Sister City** – recording the history of our remarkable sister city relationship is being conducted so that information is not lost for future generations.
- **TESOL educators** – STSCA hosted in 2007 eleven educators from throughout Central Asia who attended the international TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) conference in Seattle.
- **35th anniversary celebration in 2008** – featuring a grand reunion of all STSCA alumni and an exchange of delegations to celebrate the anniversary.
- **Cultural Exchanges** – STSCA hosted in 2009 outstanding ceramic artists from Uzbekistan in partnership with Pottery Northwest.
- **Annual Celebration of Navruz** – together with local Uzbek and other Central Asian families, we host a joint celebration of this holiday with traditional plov, music, and dancing.
- **Future Plans** – include 2010 exchange of delegations, possible cultural exchanges, and programs welcoming immigrants and introducing Seattleites to Uzbek culture and life.

