

HALCO Membership/Renewal Application

HALCO's primary goal is to provide free legal services to people living with HIV in Ontario. To help us to fulfil our goal and to ensure that our services are relevant, we need the participation of people living with HIV in Ontario, as well as those not living with HIV.

Please offer your support by becoming a member of HALCO. HALCO membership is free and is renewed every 3 years. You can apply to become a member of HALCO if: (i) you live in Ontario, (ii) you are 18 years of age or older, and (iii) you agree with our **Statement of Principles** (on page 2 of this application).

You do not have to be a HALCO member to contact us for legal services from HALCO. However, we encourage people to become members. Benefits of membership include voting privileges at our member meetings (after minimum 30 days membership), and the right to stand for election to our volunteer Board of Directors. HALCO reserves the right to deny Membership Applications/Renewals. You can also choose to receive HALCO's updates by checking the box below. If you prefer, you can apply for or renew your HALCO membership on our website: <https://www.halco.org/get-involved>

Your membership information will be used to inform you of our member meetings, including our Annual General Meeting, and to give you the opportunity to renew your membership. We will only share your membership information as required by law. Membership takes effect when it is approved by our Board of Directors.

I agree with the *Statement of Principles of the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario*, I am a resident of Ontario, I am 18 years of age or older, and, I am applying to:

become a member of HALCO or **renew my HALCO membership**

Name: *(please print)* _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Unit/Apartment: _____ City/Town: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ May we leave phone messages for you? Yes No

Email Address: _____

Member meeting notices will be sent by email.

Would you like to receive updates? Yes No *(updates are by email)*

If you are unable to receive member meeting notices or other information from us by email, please contact us.

Statement of Principles of the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario

Adopted January 30, 2006, by the Board of Directors
of the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario.

It is agreed that:

1. People living with HIV are confronted with unique legal problems of enormous proportions and complexity;
2. Those best equipped to make choices regarding HIV issues and problems are those individuals who are HIV positive themselves;
3. People living with HIV must have control over their own lives;
4. The HIV affected communities are very diverse and are confronted by overwhelming challenges derived from both their diversity and from their common experience as people living with HIV;
5. It is necessary to create and foster a climate of understanding and mutual respect for the dignity and worth of people living with HIV; and
6. The confidentiality, bodily security, autonomy, and privacy of people living with HIV must be respected, which include but are not limited to:
 - a) the right of individuals to exercise control over their own medical treatment;
 - b) the right of individuals to exercise control over decisions concerning their own socio-economic position;
 - c) the right of all persons living with HIV to be fully informed of all processes and procedures in which their interests are in any way involved; and
 - d) the right of all persons living with HIV to consent, or withhold their consent, in all matters affecting them.