



PBS MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

WOUB/WOUC-TV

Station (call letters or state network, as appropriate)

Ohio University

Licensee organization (legal entity that hold the FCC license)

Operating organization (if different)

9 South College Street

Street Address

Athens, OH 45701

City, State, Zip code

The above named organization, a member of the Public Broadcasting Service, certifies that the public television broadcast station or stations operated by the organization provide(s) a nonsectarian, nonpolitical, noncommercial educational program service to the general public in the community served by the station(s).

The organization understands that this certification is a condition of its membership in PBS.

Caroleen Lewis

Officer

April 23, 2003

Date

Please return to the PBS Corporate Secretary's Office
1320 Braddock Place
Alexandria, VA 22314
by April 30, 2003



To: PBS Professional Representatives

From: Patricia DiRuggiero, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel & Secretary

Date: April 8, 2003

Re: Membership Certification

The membership policy of the PBS Board of Directors requires each PBS member to certify annually that it provides a nonsectarian, nonpolitical, noncommercial educational program service to the general public. Please review and complete the enclosed membership certification form and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope by April 30, 2003. The signed form, which will serve as certification of PBS membership for any entities requiring such documentation, must be received by the deadline for your membership to remain current. Any alterations to the attached form will render the form invalid.

In conducting this review, please bear in mind that the membership policy relates to the nature of the program service provided, not to the nature of the licensee organization per se. The fact that a noncommercial educational television station is licensed to an organization that some might regard as "religious" or "political" does not, by that fact alone, constitute a bar to membership in PBS. The test is whether the station does, in fact, provide a "nonsectarian, nonpolitical, noncommercial educational program service" to its community.

The "nonpolitical" standard relates to the general character of the station's program service and is not violated simply because that service includes news and public affairs programs of the sort now generally included in the PBS National Program Service, including appearances by candidates, broadcasts of legislative proceedings, documentaries, discussions and the like. If, however, a principal or important purpose of a member station's program service were the advancement of a particular partisan viewpoint or political philosophy, that station could be deemed ineligible for PBS membership.

Similarly, the "nonsectarian" standard does not preclude the inclusion of religious programming in a station's program service, particularly if that programming represents different viewpoints and is part of a diverse total program service designed to serve the general community. Again, if a principal or important purpose of a station's program service were the advancement of a particular church, denomination, or theology, that station could be deemed ineligible for PBS membership.

If you have any questions about the membership certification please call me at 703/739-5239.