



New Afrikan Service Organization (NASO)  
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### **Application for Chapter Recognition**

NASO is part of the Black Panther Movement continuing the legacy of the original Black Panther Party established in 1966 by Huey P. Newton – the BPP Minister of Defense – and Bobby Seale – the Chairman of the BPP – in Oakland, CA. However, one need not fully agree with the ideological and political line of the Party or the goal of socialist revolution to join and be an active member of NASO, so long as one programmatically supports the Party's 10-Point Program.

NASO is a secular organization and welcomes people of all religious/spiritual orientations – as well as non-believers – and people of various political tendencies to join and help to build NASO into a powerful mass organization in service to the nation of New Afrikans in Amerika and all oppressed people. NASO upholds the principles of religious freedom and separation of church and state, the principle of free speech and democratic civil rights, and of respect for human rights as enumerated in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

Specifically we oppose the racist death penalty and the sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, the use of torture and physical and psychological abuse of prisoners, mandatory sentencing and the "Three Strikes" laws. We call for an end to the racist "War on Drugs" and amnesty for the POWs of this "War." We believe that the basic democratic civil rights of prisoners should be respected, including their right to vote, and we call for the amendment of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to strike the clause that perpetuates the status of "slave" for those convicted of a crime.

Our basic program revolves around the establishment of "Serve The People" (STP) survival programs in the oppressed urban communities and the creation of community-based people's power. We seek to create a variety of STP programs based upon the principles of self-reliance and mutual aid, to serve the people's basic survival needs, and under the leadership of the New Afrikan Black Panther Party – Prison Chapter, to create community-based people's power in the context of building an international "United Front Against Imperialism."

### **Procedural Rules**

1. To apply for recognition by the National Steering Committee (NSC-NASO), a chapter must have at least three members – one of whom has been designated to act as the corresponding secretary and/or chairperson.
2. Chapters must function democratically and vote on all major decisions.
3. No one may compel another to do anything against his/her will, nor may officers act in a commandist manner.
4. Temporary officers or committees may be appointed by the Chairperson, but standing officers or committees must be elected by the members of the chapter.
5. Chapters can merge or split to form new chapters as serves the needs of the struggle.
6. Chapters must submit monthly activity reports to the NSC.
7. Half of any monies collected by fundraising should be forwarded to the National Office.

### **Rules of Discipline**

Those who violate these rules may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the organization.

- 1.) Members will conduct themselves in a manner to bring credit to the organization and will treat others with respect and politeness.
- 2.) Members will be sober when on organization business and will not engage in any criminal activity while a member.
- 3.) No member will engage in violence except in the extremity of self-defense.
- 4.) Members will not gossip nor be divisive to the unity of the organization.
- 5.) Members will not act as informers nor work against the purpose of the organization.



Having studied and discussed the Black Panther 10-Point Program and the Rules of Discipline of NASO, we the undersigned would like to apply for recognition as a NASO Chapter. We understand that this is – and must be – a completely legal and aboveground organization, which does not advocate or support any form of criminal activity or violation of the rules of any correctional institution. The sole purpose of NASO is to provide free services to the community and uplift the New Afrikan Nation in Amerika and wherever poor Black people are concentrated.

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