

ORISA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY



Membership packet

Criteria for Personal Priesthood Certification

1. A personal affirmation that Olódùmarè is the supreme Creator of the Universe, The Giver of Life, The ruler of Destiny.
2. You agree to sustain the standard practices of òrìsà lifestyle. You believe in spiritual assessment, sometimes called divination, using, cola nuts, cowries, opele and ikin. You believe in performing transformative work, sometimes called sacrifice, according to the dictates of said assessment. You believe in sustainable practices, including observances of taboos.
3. You believe that Olódùmarè, your ancestors and your internal spirit want you to be a part of this movement. If you are part of an Orisa/Ifa temple, then it is important to us that you focus on bringing about the Good Condition. If possible, you need to inform your temple leadership of participation in the Personal Priesthood Certification process.
4. You acknowledge and are in agreement that the Orisa Lifestyle Academy faculty and staff have a spiritual responsibility in your Certification experience.
5. You commit to support the work of Olódùmarè being done through the Orisa Lifestyle Academy with your time, gifts, abilities and finances as you are able.

If you are interested in membership, each adult (18 and over) should fill out a form and submit it at <http://www.orisalifestyle.com/ppcapplication.html>. Someone will be in contact with you to schedule an interview with you and complete this process.

You should also, if you are able, be ready to give a brief introduction to the existing faculty, staff and students.

For further information, call 510.485.2336.

Orisa Lifestyle Academy

Applicant Information

Personal Priesthood Certification has officially STARTED! Please fill out this form and give it to Baba Obafemi. Once this is received, Baba Obafemi will schedule an interview time with you.

Date: _____

Name: _____ birth date: _____

Spouse (if married) : _____ birth date: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced SPOUSE: _____

Anniversary Date (if married): : _____

Children

Name 1: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Name 2: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Name 3: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Name 4: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Name 5: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Name 6: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Name 7: _____ birth date: _____ notes : _____

Previous Church/Mosque/Temple

Membership: _____

Have you ever been or are you currently under the corrective discipline of a church/mosque/temple?

YES NO



Statement of Faith

Have you read, and do you agree with the attached 16 Agreements? YES NO

Please indicate areas of disagreement if any:



Delivering on the Ancestral Promise

If known, what are your spiritual gifts? _____

In which area(s) of the Orisa Lifestyle Academy would you like to practice your Personal Priesthood?

I have filled out the Orisa Lifestyle Academy Service Opportunities form (optional). YES NO



(For Office Use Only)	Notes:
Date of Interview	_____
_____	_____
Pastor or Elder conducting interview	_____
_____	_____

Service Opportunities

Please prayerfully and carefully fill out the form below and deliver to Baba Obafemi. Mark the areas of service that you would like to participate in. If an area of service is not listed, please list your service ideas anywhere on this form or on a separate piece of paper, if needed. Please check ALL areas you are interested in.

COACHING/TEACHING

MUSIC

I am or would like to:

- A singer/vocalist: soprano alto bass tenor not sure
- Play drums or percussion for specials and / or group singing
- Vocal music specials
- Instrumental music special (instrument(s):_____)
- I am able or would like to learn to direct music

TEACHING

I am interested in/willing to

- Help organize the Òrìsà Lifestyle Retreat (calling people, finding out what they are bringing for food, arriving a half hour early to set up tables)
- Teach a children's class
- Teach nutrition, financial management, parenting, real estate, sustainability classes
- Teach an Orisa Lifestyle orientation class
- I'm not sure where the Ancestors want to use me, but I believe I do have teaching gifts (this includes ladies who are able to teach other ladies)

PRAYER CHAIN

- I would like to have some part in organizing the prayer chain of the Personal Priesthood community. This would entail making sure a system is in place to contact members with emergency prayer requests.

OMO KEKERE (MIDWEEK CHILDREN'S TEACHING TIME)

- I would like to assist in Omo Kekere
- I would like to teach in Omo Kekere
- I have a special skill/gift that would be beneficial for children's ministry:

MENTORSHIP

- I would like to know more about training to be a mentor
- I have had training in counseling, training or mentorship. If so, where and what amount?

SOCIAL MEDIA

- I am willing to administrate social media posts.

O U T R E A C H**AWARENESS**

- I am willing to organize local activities on behalf of the Orisa Lifestyle Academy
- I would like to know how to personally present Òrìsà Lifestyle to people
- I know how to present Òrìsà Lifestyle to people, and I am willing go door to door
- I am willing to organize weekly outreach (calling people to make sure they're coming)
- I am willing to lead weekly outreach
- I am interested in teaching and training Academy members how to present Òrìsà Lifestyle through awareness raising classes

EVENT PLANNER

- I am interested in helping in event planning. Orisa Lifestyle Academy events include: Orisa Lifestyle Retreat, the Ifa Festival, Annual Nigeria Tour

PUBLISHING

- I have interest or background in journalism/writing, and I would be interested in transcribing/editing Baba Obafemi's lectures and manuscripts to prepare them for publishing in book format.

S E R V I C E**LEAD CATALYST**

- I would be willing to be Lead Catalyst. Responsibilities entail the following:
 - Must meet the qualifications of Lead Catalyst (OrisaLifestyle.com/volunteer)
 - Be able to meet one Saturday a month for the planning meeting
 - Be available to the Baba/elders to meet various needs within the temple

SUPPORTING CATALYST

- I would be willing to be Supporting Catalyst. Responsibilities entail the following:
 - Must meet the qualifications of Supporting Catalyst (OrisaLifestyle.com/volunteer)
 - Be able to meet one Saturday a month for the planning meeting
 - Be available to the Baba/elders to meet various needs within the temple

M U L T I M E D I A**WEB SITE**

- I am trained in web design of some sort
- I do not know much about web design, but I am willing to learn and help in this area
- I would be willing to be in charge of the web site . Duties would include: weekly updating the web site with announcements, sermons, and other media like photos, etc.

Òrìsà Lifestyle Agreements

1. We agree to sustain the standard practices of òrìsà lifestyle. We believe in spiritual assessment, sometimes called divination, using, cola nuts, cowries, opele and ikin. We believe in performing transformative work, sometimes called sacrifice, according to the dictates of said assessment. We believe in sustainable practices, including observances of taboos.
2. We agree to consult with qualified priests and priestesses to install shrines dedicated to our ancestors (opa iku), our internal spirits (ile ori) and our spiritual path (isefa). We believe each lineage has an Ancestral Promise, which guides every generation towards to completion of a specific objective. We believe identity is destiny. We believe in the Holy Oracle of Ifá as a means to outline best method to deliver on the Ancestral Promise, as well as realize our personal destinies.
3. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle in order to master the four-day worship calendar. We believe that adherence to regular worship cycles will ensure spiritual connectedness and elevation.
4. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle to understand, honor and continue the efforts of American African elders and thought leaders. We believe that Marie Laveaux, Mary Ellen Pleasant, Martin Delaney, and Kudjo and Abache Kazoola paved the way and laid the foundation for other pioneers, like Fashina Falade, Medahochi, Fagbemi Ogundele, Baba Ishangi, HRM Oba Adefunmi, Mama Keke, Iya Olabunmi and others. We believe that honoring them is essential to building a brighter future for òrìsà lifestyle.
5. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle in order to learn original Yoruba language and culture. We believe that language organizes thought. We believe that òrìsà consciousness is encoded in Yoruba language and in order to think as the òrìsà thought we must speak the language of òrìsà lifestyle, which is Yoruba.
6. We agree to actively seek out the common history, practices and shared destiny of all legitimate, African-descended lineages of òrìsà lifestyle. We believe that African descendants who practice òrìsà lifestyle all belong to a single religious family.
7. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle to enable us to practice physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual freedom. We believe that Black people will be free to the extent that we actively work to reinforce our chosen destiny.
8. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle in order to practice social, economic, environmental and cultural sustainability. We believe òrìsà lifestyle is uniquely qualified to teach its members and the world how to coexist with nature and the cosmos.
9. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle to create sustainable food sources. We believe that practitioners of òrìsà lifestyle should grow, distribute and prepare our own food. We believe our food should be our medicine.
10. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle to create home economics, cottage industry and family management training for every Black youth. We believe that Black people should be adept at home making, which will enable us to nurture

and empower ourselves to be the best people we can be. We believe that the greatness of a nation starts in its homes.

11. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle in order to create full employment for practitioners of òrìsà lifestyle. We believe that òrìsà lifestyle has the resources necessary to empower every practitioner to create businesses for ourselves and to employ one another. We believe that the practitioners of òrìsà lifestyle can create zero unemployment within the òrìsà community.
12. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle to end the cycle of squander within the Black Community. We believe that, spending money within the Black community at least 8 times before it leaves will generate billions of dollars of wealth for Black families every year.
13. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle to create high quality, shared housing for all practitioners of òrìsà lifestyle. We believe practitioners of òrìsà lifestyle will benefit from creating various forms of cooperative living so that our community, can create decent housing and build authentic community for our people.
14. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle to create age-appropriate and gender-specific education (egbe) for our people. We believe the egbe should develop the head, heart and the hands according to the organizing principles of the agbole, and in accordance with the everyday local realities. We believe in an educational system that will give to our people knowledge of self.
15. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle to create emergency preparedness training for every Black youth. We believe that Black people should be adept at emergency preparedness, which will enable us to respond appropriately to emergency circumstances.
16. We agree to participate in òrìsà lifestyle to create neighborhood watch and legal defense teams. We believe that we can protect and inspire members of the Black community by organizing community-based groups that are dedicated to eliminating every form of illegal and self-destructive activity.