



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How did SOSI start?**

SOSI was founded in 2008 by a small group of people who wanted to make something more out of a hobby they enjoyed so much. The group of friends had seen the reaction they would get from people of all ages when appearing as characters that only seemed accessible on the big screen or in the pages of comic books. Thus, SOSI was born.

### **What can SOSI do for me?**

Like SOSI's mission statement says, SOSI members aim to show true heroism by giving back to the community in any way we can. This means that SOSI superheroes are available to attend any type of charity event or fundraiser. As a professional costuming group, our internal standards ensure that every event our members attend will be a positive, memorable experience for fans of all ages. Nothing beats meeting your favorite superheroes in person, and SOSI characters are guaranteed to delight with professional-grade costumes and a dedicated, fun-loving attitude. SOSI members know that they carry the responsibility of representing popular, well-loved characters in public and are sure to act accordingly.

### **Why superheroes?**

Superheroes have always held a special place in society's heart. They offer hope in dark times and act as a compass to inspire model behavior. There is nothing like a group of superheroes to brighten your day (just check out the bright colors of their costumes!).

But wait, what about supervillians? SOSI certainly has several villain characters (for what would a superhero be with a supervillian?). SOSI guarantees that any villain characters will not look or act in a way that could be overly frightening to children or other guests.

### **I want SOSI to appear at my event! How do I request an appearance?**

All requests for events are handled by our Event Coordinator. If you have a specific event that you would like to request our presence at, please contact the Event Coordinator and let him or her know what organization you represent, where and when your event will occur, and any specific character requests that you may have.

### **Does your group have other characters besides superheroes?**

No. SOSI is an organization of superhero costumers, and as such, we only accept costumes based on traditional superheroes, villains, and their associated characters. Some members might have other costumes that are not comic book-related, but their availability for events will be limited due to the fact that they are not "official" SOSI costumes. All non-superhero event inquiries will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please contact our Public Relations Officer or Event Coordinator for more information.

### **Does SOSI charge for appearances?**

No. It is against SOSI's charter to accept monetary compensation for our services. If SOSI is offered monetary compensation, we typically request that it be donated to one of our charities of choice. SOSI members are allowed to accept donations that help dispel travel costs to and from officially sanctioned events, such as free or discounted hotel rooms, meals, convention tickets, airfare, etc... If you have any questions about what is and is not an acceptable donation, please contact the Treasurer.

**Do you pay your members for their services?**

No. SOSI members offer their services on a purely volunteer basis.

**Is SOSI available to hire to perform at birthday parties?**

As stated above, SOSI does not accept monetary compensation for appearances, including birthday parties. While we do not have an explicit policy prohibiting our appearances at birthday parties, it is not the purpose of this organization. Parents wishing to request an appearance by SOSI at their child's birthday party are more than welcome to contact us, but be aware that we are unlikely to grant the request without special circumstances of some kind. This policy is certainly not meant to be discriminatory, but to put it frankly if we wished to be birthday entertainment for hire we would have formed a different sort of organization.

**Where do you get those costumes?**

Many of our members make all or part of their own costumes. It takes careful research, skill, and a large time commitment to create the characters you see on our website or in the pages of this press kit. It should be noted that some costumes are made from materials (such as latex) that might cause allergies in sensitive persons. Please notify the Event Coordinator if you have any special needs.

**How can I join SOSI?**

If you have a passion for comic book costuming and helping others, please visit our website for more information.