



*Platinum*  
**PRO**<sup>5000</sup>  
*Diver*  
*The World's Most Elite Water Explorers*

# APPLICATION

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I have been diving since: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: *Month* \_\_\_\_\_ *Day* \_\_\_\_\_ *Year* \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_ I have been diving since: \_\_\_\_\_

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Please review criteria below to make sure you meet all of the requirements for this level.
2. Complete all parts of this form that apply and sign where designated. Method 1: Parts 1, 2 & 5. Method 2: All Parts
3. Proof of experience and letters of recommendation must be enclosed in written form.
4. No fees are required. However, a current digital photo of yourself is required and must be a **minimum of 300 dpi at approximately 3.5" x 5."** Include a CD with your application or email to [c-cards@diveSSI.com](mailto:c-cards@diveSSI.com).
5. Return this application to the Platinum Pro 5000 Review Committee: c/o SSI, 2619 Canton Court, Ft. Collins, CO 80525.

**CRITERIA FOR PLATINUM PRO 5000 DIVER:** There are two methods of achieving the Platinum Pro 5000 level. You must provide verification that you meet the requirements.

### Method 1

*Includes the following requirements:*

- ◆ 5000 or more open water dives (Pro Level).
- ◆ Ten years of diving experience, as reflected in a brief "history" or resume.
- ◆ Also include a 2-4 sentence biography that will be posted on the website.
- ◆ Letters of recommendation from two existing Platinum Pro 5000 Divers.

### Method 2:

*Includes the following requirements:*

- ◆ 2500 or more open water dives (Level 10).
- ◆ Ten years of *professional* experience in the recreational diving industry, as reflected in a brief "history" or resume.
- ◆ Also include a 2-4 sentence biography that will be posted on the website.
- ◆ Letters of recommendation from two existing Platinum Pro 5000 Divers.
- ◆ A significant contribution to the recreational diving industry.

**All applications must be approved by a majority of the Platinum Pro 5000 Review Committee.**

**PART 1: DIVING HISTORY** I am providing verification for (check one):  **Method 1  
5000 Dives**  **Method 2  
2500 Dives**

Number of dives to date (most accurate estimate): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years diving: \_\_\_\_\_

Open Water Diver... Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Certifying Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Certified: \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Open Water... Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Certifying Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Certified: \_\_\_\_\_

Dive Supervisor... Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Certifying Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Certified: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Instructor Rating to Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Certifying Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Certified: \_\_\_\_\_

List your academic degrees (related to diving): \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an instructor, please estimate the total number of divers that you have certified to date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include an overview of your diving history along with verification of the appropriate number of open water dives and number of years diving. Verification can come in the form of an actual log book, an hourly log of research of commercial diving, or a written statement from two or more people such as job supervisors, operations managers or owners who can verify the extent of your diving history. You will be contacted if further verification is required.*

## **PART 2: PLATINUM PRO RECOMMENDATIONS**

**This section must be completed by all applicants:**

Please provide a letter of recommendation from two existing Platinum Pro 5000 Divers. Refer to [www.waterexplorer.com](http://www.waterexplorer.com) or [www.diveSSI.com](http://www.diveSSI.com) for a current list of inductees. Please contact Scuba Schools International if an address or phone number for a Platinum Pro is required.

## **PART 3: PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Number of Years as Diving Professional:* \_\_\_\_\_

**This section must be completed by anyone applying based on Method 2 (2500 dives):**

Please provide a résumé or list your experience as a diving professional. Include your various occupations, what duties you performed, the companies or schools that you worked for, and the years that you worked at each occupation. Please provide a contact name for each occupation so your experience can be verified if necessary. You will be contacted if further verification is required.

## **PART 4: SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION**

**This section must be completed by anyone applying based on Method 2 (2500 dives):**

Please advise the committee as to what contribution(s) you have made to the recreational diving industry as a diving professional. A Significant Contribution can be defined as "having aided in the development, improvement, or safety of scuba diving in a manner that has had impact on the overall sport. A contribution can be made in the areas of education, science, travel, retailing, photography, publishing, manufacturing, commercial or military diving." Local contributions are not sufficient.

## **PART 5: STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

*"I affirm that the information stated in this application for Platinum Pro 5000 Diver is correct and hereby verify that I have met the requirements and criteria for either Method 1 or Method 2."*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_