



Membership Flowchart

Associate Member

The Associate Membership category is designed for individuals who have not yet met the requirements for Candidate Membership. Standards for Associate Member are:

1. current enrollment in a forestry or natural resources degree-granting program or graduation from such a program within the past three (3) years; and
2. no undisclosed economic interests or associations with any entity wherein a conflict of interest may exist in representing clients

Dues are \$25/year.

Candidate for Affiliate Member

Becoming a Candidate for Affiliate Member is the first step towards Affiliate Membership. Standards for this category are:

1. graduation from a forestry or natural resources associate degree-granting program;
2. two (2) years of practical forestry experience, management, or special forestry classification;
3. no undisclosed economic interests or associations with any entity wherein a conflict of interest may exist in representing clients; and
4. business ownership or employment status as an owner, partner or stockholder in a forestry consulting firm; an employee of a consulting firm that has one or more of its owners as an ACF Member; or practice in a firm enrolled in an ACF-approved practice monitoring program.

Dues are \$300/year.

Candidate for Full Member

Becoming a Candidate for Full Member is the first step towards Full Membership. Standards for this category are:

1. graduation from a forestry or related bachelor or higher degree-granting program
2. two (2) years of practical forestry experience, management, or special forestry classification;
3. no undisclosed economic interests or associations with any entity wherein a conflict of interest may exist in representing clients; and
4. business ownership or employment status as an owner, partner or stockholder in a forestry consulting firm; an employee of a consulting firm that has one or more of its owners as an ACF Member; or practice in a firm enrolled in an ACF-approved practice monitoring program.

Dues are \$300/year.

Affiliate Member

An individual is eligible to apply for Affiliate Member status upon:

1. being a Candidate for Affiliate Member for at least one but no more than three years;
2. completing Practice of Consulting Forestry course; and
3. having five or more years experience in practical forestry.

Dues are \$320/year.

Full Member

An individual is eligible to apply for Full Member status upon:

1. being a Candidate for Full Member for at least one but no more than three years;
2. completing Practice of Consulting Forestry course; and
3. having five or more years experience in practical forestry.

Dues are \$400/year.

Legend

A dashed line - - - indicates an optional path

A solid line — indicates a required path

Member Inactive

Inactive status is for Full Members with changes in employment that lead to no longer qualifying for membership, but wish to maintain their relationship with the association.

Dues are \$100/year.

Retired Member

A Full Member is eligible to apply for Retired status if the individual's principal income is from retirement or disability.

Dues are \$100/year.

Lifetime Member

After a minimum of 15 years of Full Membership, ACF Members who are more than 65 years old are eligible to apply for Lifetime status.

Dues are waived after a \$400 one-time fee.