



ROCKY MOUNTAIN

GUIDES ASSOCIATION

2018 Application for New Members

(Please Print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternative Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Business Website: _____

The primary phone number will be listed in the membership directory.

Please select Membership Category

For description see Membership Category and Policy Information

In the calendar year 2017, how many hours did you function as a tour guide, tour manager/director, docent, instructor and/or driver/guide or spend pursuing continuing professional education? _____

_____ **PROFESSIONAL** \$60.00

_____ **ASSOCIATE** \$60.00

_____ **FRIEND** \$30.00

_____ **STUDENT** Complimentary

On which RMGA committee(s) would you be willing to serve if asked?

___ Program ___ Education ___ Membership ___ Seminar ___ Newsletter

___ Public Relations ___ Certification ___ Financial Review ___ Website ___ Hospitality

EACH RMGA MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT THEIR BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE IS CURRENT AND ACCURATE. To report any changes please contact the webmasters, Larry Foos (lbfoos@comcast.net) or Tom Jensen (tom.jensen72@yahoo.com)

RMGA Code of Ethics and Standards

Rocky Mountain Guides Association, as a member of the National Association of Tourist Guides Associations-USA, shares the goal of promoting the highest degree of professionalism for tour guides. RMGA adopts the Code of Ethics and Standards of NFTGA-USA:

A professional tourist guide provides a skilled, knowledgeable presentation; informs, interprets and highlights the surroundings; maintains objectivity and enthusiasm in a courteous and polite manner.

A professional tourist guide ensures that all information presented is factual, and makes a clear distinction between what is true and what are stories, legends and opinions.

A professional tourist guide keeps current on changes throughout the area s/he works, including but not limited to seasonal events, new exhibits, traffic laws and facilities, and follows the rules and regulations at all sites where tours will be conducted.

A professional tourist guide is prepared for each tour when the itinerary is furnished in advance; reports on time and is responsible for facilitating the smooth, safe, efficient and timely movement of the tour.

A professional tourist guide is sensitive to the interests and values of the tour group and does not share his/her personal views on controversial subjects such as religion, politics or lifestyles.

A professional tourist guide knows and follows the policies of the company that contracts him/her and does not solicit a job from that company's client without the consent of the company; maintains loyalty to the company and protects the confidentiality of proprietary information. Also, s/he strives to establish a friendly and helpful rapport with the client, and uses discretion in the conduct of the personal business while on tour.

A professional tourist guide dresses appropriately for the type of tour being conducted.

A professional tourist guide extends professional respect and a spirit of cooperation to fellow guides, and strives to establish a good working relationship with all service providers on the tour route.

A professional tourist guide accepts each tour as a serious commitment and cancels only when absolutely necessary, providing as much advance notice as possible.

In addition, RMGA adds the following guideline:

A professional tourist guide does his/her best to fulfill the technical itinerary and advises the group leader or responsible party and the company when major adjustments are needed due to circumstances beyond the guide's control.

By joining RMGA and signing the application, I am agreeing to abide by the RMGA Code of Ethics and Standards.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please fill out, sign, and include check made out to RMGA and return to:

Larry D. Foos
RMGA - Membership Chairman
6393 South Reed Way
Littleton, CO 80123
(303-979-7594)

New Members, please complete

Are you a first time membership applicant? _____

How many hours have you spent leading tours in the prior year? _____

Describe tour activity: _____

How many years of experience do you have in the tour industry? _____

Industry affiliations: _____

Related industry schools attended (students please include current classes or independent study)

Do you prefer a membership badge with a pin attachment? _____ or a magnetic attachment? _____

Please print your name as it should appear on your membership badge: _____

As a member, you will be sent the "Member Profile Information Request" to complete. This will be used to create your profile on the RMGA website, <http://rockymountaintourguides.com/>.