**2020 Application for New Members**

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PRIMARY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Only the primary phone number will be listed in the membership directory)

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Category**

(Please check 🗹 one.)

**🞎 PROFESSIONAL $60.00**

Individual who functions as a tour guide, tour manager/director, docent, instructor, and driver/guide for at least fifty (50) hours in the calendar year prior to application for membership.

**🞎 ASSOCIATE $60.00**

Individual seeking to become active as a tour guide, tour manager/director, docent, instructor, and driver/guide who has not yet satisfied the requirements for Professional Member.

In calendar year 2020, 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? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**🞎 FRIEND $30.00**

Individual neither directly nor indirectly involved in the tourism industry, who is a spouse or domestic partner of a Professional, Associate, Business, or Retired Member.

**🞎 RETIRED $30.00**

Individual who has held membership in RMGA for at least five (5) years and who is no longer active in the tourism industry.

**🞎 STUDENT Complimentary**

Individual studying and preparing to become a tour guide, tour manager/director, instructor, docent, and driver/guide, by attending credited classes or pursuing credited independent study in tourism.

**RMGA Committees**

 (Please check 🗹 the committee on which are willing to serve.)

🞎 Program

Plans and carries out the program for the monthly Regular Meetings of Members.

🞎 Education

Plans and carries out familiarization trips and seminars for Members.

🞎 Membership

Recruits and retains Members.

🞎 Newsletter

Publishes a digital newsletter for Members.

🞎 Public Relations

Liaises with tour-related organizations.

🞎 Website

Maintains the RMGA Website

🞎 Email Distribution

Disseminates email notices to Members

**Contact Information**

Each Member is responsible for the accuracy of their information presented on the RMGA Website (“Find A Guide” profile; Membership Roster). Report changes to: rmgawebsite@rockymountaintourguides.com

**RMGA Code of Ethics and Standards**

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

* 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.
* A professional tourist guide declines any illegal requests.
* A professional tourist guide does not practice discrimination on the basis of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity.

**RMGA Added Standard:**

* 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.

**Professional Agreement**

I agree to abide by the RMGA Code of Ethics and Standards:

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and sign this form. Make check payable to RMGA. Mail form and check to:

Mike Pearl 303.868.0023

RMGA Membership Chairman rmgamembership@rockymountaintourguides.com

19291 E Rice Dr

Aurora, CO 80015

**New Member Questionnaire**

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Have you ever been a member of Rocky Mountain Guides Association? 🞎 No 🞎 Yes

When were you a member? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

At what membership level(s)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why did you cease your membership? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How many years of experience do you have in the Tour Industry? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your tour activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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List your Tour Industry affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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List the Tour-Related schools you have attended and the certifications you received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Your name as you want it to appear on the membership badge:

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Should your membership badge attach with a (check 🗹 one) 🞎 Pin Clasp 🞎 Magnetic Clasp?

**RMGA “Find a Guide” Opportunity**

Members may post their résumé and a menu of the tour industry services that they offer on the “Find a Guide” page of the RMGA website. Prospective employers use the “Find a Guide” page as a a convenient means to locate potential providers. RMGA Members enjoy the ease with which they can advertise to potential employers.

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, rockymountaintourguides.com/find-a-guide.html.