

# Application for Membership

- REGULAR MEMBER
- LIFE MEMBER
- ASSOCIATE MEMBER  
(Spouse or child under 18 of a current APS member living at same address)



## American Philatelic Society

**SEND TO: APS • 100 Match Factory Place • Bellefonte • PA • 16823-1367**  
[www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org)

Please Print or type

Mr., Mrs., Other \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
(if over 18, you may enter legal)

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Major Stamp Collecting Interests

**REFERENCE REQUIREMENT** Each applicant must provide a commercial reference. Please provide a current Visa or MasterCard account number with expiration date and verification code **or** the name and address of an alternate commercial reference (a company or stamp dealer with whom you do business, or your employer, etc.). I agree to abide by the APS Code of Ethics and agree to be bound by all rules and regulations of the Society and its bylaws. I understand notice of applications for membership is published in *The American Philatelist*.

Visa or  MasterCard Reference

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_ Verification Code \_\_\_\_  
(last 3 digits on the back of the card)

Alternate Commercial Reference

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you do not want the Society to provide your name to firms with philatelic offers deemed of value to the membership.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian (required for applicants under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Proposer (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Proposer's APS No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Prorated Membership Fees** Our membership year runs January 1 through December 31. Annual dues notices are mailed the last quarter of each year and are payable by December 31. Initial membership fees are prorated so that applicants only pay the portion of the year remaining based on the quarter in which their application is received. The prices below reflect a one-time \$3 application fee that is not prorated. All fees are listed in U.S. dollar amounts.

**Prorated Membership Rates**  
 Select the month you are joining

Month Received <sup>1</sup>	U.S.	Canada	Other Countries	Associate <sup>2</sup>	Online American Philatelist <sup>3</sup>
Oct., Nov., Dec.	\$48.00	\$58.00	\$68.00	\$25.50	\$48.00
Jan., Feb., Mar.	\$36.75	\$44.25	\$51.75	\$20.00	\$36.75
Apr., May, Jun.	\$25.50	\$30.00	\$35.50	\$14.25	\$25.50
Jul., Aug., Sept.	\$14.25	\$16.75	\$19.25	\$8.75	\$14.25

<sup>1</sup>Join **October–December** & membership is valid through December of the **following year**. Join **January–September** & membership is valid through December of the **current year**.

<sup>2</sup>Associate Membership — A spouse or dependent under 18 of a current regular APS member living at the same address may apply for Associate Membership that does not include a separate additional magazine subscription.

<sup>3</sup>Online *American Philatelist* — By opting to receive *The American Philatelist* exclusively online, [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org), you can join at this rate.

### APS Life Membership

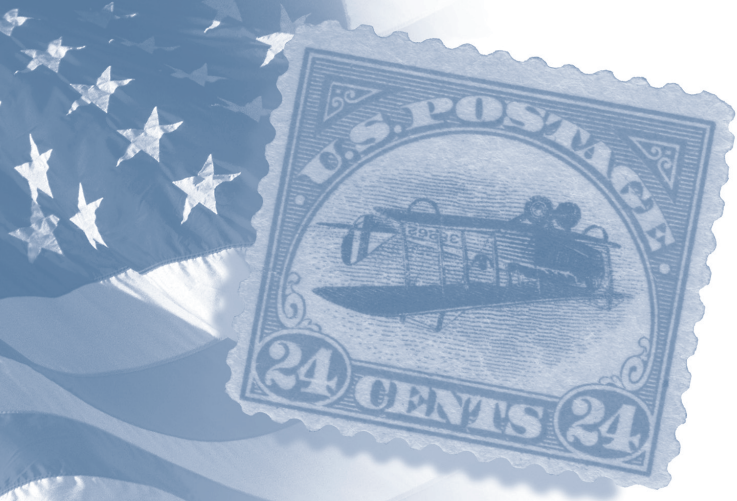
Age Category	U.S.	Other Countries*
Ages 18–39	\$1,475.00	\$1,475.00
Ages 40–54	\$1,275.00	\$1,275.00
Ages 55–64	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00
Ages 65 & Over	\$750.00	\$750.00

\*Other Countries — receive *The American Philatelist* Exclusively Online.

**METHOD OF PAYMENT** Payable in U.S. dollars, checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank made payable to the American Philatelic Society. If you provided a Visa or MasterCard account number as a commercial reference and also wish to charge your membership fee to that account, enter the amount to charge and sign below.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check  Money Order  Visa  MasterCard

Signature of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_



## Benefits of APS Membership

- Award-Winning Magazine
- Extensive Research Library
- Authoritative Expertizing Service
- Informative Website — [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org)
- Stimulating Educational Opportunities
- Secure Internet Sales — [www.StampStore.org](http://www.StampStore.org)
- Easy-to-Use Mail Sales Circuit Service
- Outstanding Annual STAMPSHOW
- Low-Cost Stamp Insurance

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# APS Code of Ethics

As a member of the American Philatelic Society I agree to conduct myself in accordance with the APS Code of Ethics. A breach of ethics by any member reflects, directly or indirectly, upon all other members. Such a breach shall be considered conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Society and cause for disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

As a member of the American Philatelic Society, I agree:

- to support and be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the APS and such amendments, resolutions, and policies as may be established.
- to abide by all federal, state, and local laws relating to philatelic matters.
- to conduct myself so as to bring no reproach or discredit to the APS, or to impair the prestige of membership therein, or to philately.
- neither to buy nor sell philatelic items of which the ownership is questionable, and to report promptly to the proper law enforcement agencies information on suspected stolen material.
- to correct promptly any error I may make in any transaction.
- to assist in the prosecution of violations, of which I have knowledge, of laws pertaining to philatelic matters, and to report promptly to the proper law enforcement agencies any such violations.
- not knowingly to sell, trade, produce, or advertise repaired, altered, or otherwise modified philatelic items unless that condition is clearly stated. I further agree not to sell, produce, or advertise counterfeit material in any form, in violation of any law.
- to fulfill all contracts made by me, either orally or written, to make prompt payments upon delivery, and to return promptly any item that is not satisfactory.
- When exhibiting, to display only material from my own collection or else to state clearly the contrary intent.
- that substitution of stamps or covers, in circuits, approval selections, auction lots, etc., is dishonest and is cause for expulsion.
- to bring known examples of irresponsible or unethical tactics to the attention of the societies in which I hold membership and which embrace this code.
- to conduct myself in accordance with accepted standards of morality and courtesy in philatelic activities not specifically cited in the code.
- that requests for extension of time to return purchased material while awaiting expert opinion is not an acceptable reason to hold up payment for same. Prompt refund shall be forthcoming from the seller should the material submitted for opinion be deemed other than as offered or described by the seller. Unless otherwise previously agreed, the seller shall also bear reasonable costs for obtaining the opinion if material is other than as offered or described. The buyer shall inform the seller immediately after receipt of any expert opinion. Requests for extension of time must be in writing.
- to read, understand, and be bound by the “terms of sale” conditions before submitting an auction bid or placing a philatelic order.
- that if I should be found guilty of unethical or unlawful conduct, the record thereof may be disclosed to other philatelic societies of which I am a member.
- that any dispute concerning philatelic transactions in which I am involved may be settled by arbitration mutually agreed upon by the parties involved.
- not to knowingly participate in any way in the advertisement, sale or trade of any philatelic material using any deceptive practices including, but not limited to, false or misleading claims of sales, scarcity, value, condition or investment potential.
- that no dealer or auctioneer knowingly shall represent in any way, including, but not limited to, a prices realized report that a bona fide sale of philatelic item at a given price has occurred when, in fact, no change of ownership did occur.