



VERMONT PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership categories and dues information on the back

Please fill out and sign this application. Either bring it to one of our meetings or mail it to:
Vermont Professional Photographers inc., Larry Asam, Membership Chairman, 149 Grove Lane, Waterbury Ctr., VT 05677. Include a check for current dues which will be refunded if you are not accepted for membership. Your membership becomes active upon your acceptance.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Business Name: _____ Phone: _____
Business Address: _____
City _____ Street: _____ Zip: _____
E-Mail _____ Website: _____
Home Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ Street: _____ Zip: _____
Business owner or employee? If owner, Vt. Sales Tax#: _____

State actual photographic work you do for financial gain.
Portrait Weddings Color lab Commercial Industrial Other

What photographic training have you had?

What other photographic organizations you have been a member of?

List any photographic awards you have received.

Which category of membership are you applying for?
Professional Associate Affiliate Student Sustaining Retired

Code of Ethics

1. The practice of photography, both as a science and an art, is worthy of the very best thought and endeavor of all who enter it as a vocation.
2. Our brother photographer's name and reputation shall be as sacred to us as our own.
3. No untrue or misleading statements shall be made in any way, in any form of business promotion.
4. It shall be our duty to impart freely of our knowledge so that photography among our members may be raised to higher standards.
5. It shall be our duty individually to strive to serve the public to the best of our ability in all matters pertaining to photography.

I hereby certify that I have read and agree to abide by the above Code of Ethics of the Vermont Professional Photographers.
Signature of Applicant _____
Signature of Sponsor (Active VPP Professional member) _____
Application submitted to the VPP Board on: _____

Accepted Rejected as a
Professional *Associate* *Affiliate* *Student* *Sustaining* *Retired*

Comments: _____

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The Greatest benefits of joining the Vermont Professional Photographers comes from our meetings and convention, so we hope you will plan to attend. We are a small association and exists solely on volunteers, please feel welcome to get involved in any you like, we welcome your help. Please submit a current photograph and a short resume or biography for inclusion in an upcoming VPP newsletter.

Membership categories:

- Professional:** You either work for a photography business or you own a photography business and have Vermont tax number and have registered with Vermont as a photography business.
- Associate:** You are an amateur photographer. You do no photography for remuneration. If you do, you must meet the qualifications for Professional Membership and apply in that category.
- Affiliate:** You live and/or do business elsewhere than in Vermont. You are a member of your home state association and wish to also join VPP.
- Student:** You are a full-time student at an accredited photography school. You have a student ID card.
- Sustaining:** You are a member of a firm whose primary business with photographers is as a supplier of goods or services. You do not need to fill out the qualifying information.
Full Sustaining Membership - \$625.00 • One Full page Ad in the VPP Annual Convention Book
• Link on the VPP website • 12 E-mail Flashes per year (vender must supply e-mail in text form)
Half Sustaining Membership - \$325.00 • One Half page Ad in the VPP Annual Convention Book
• Link on the VPP website • 6 E-mail Flashes per year (vender must supply e-mail in text form)
- Retired:** You are over 60 and have been a member of Vermont Professional Photographers for over 15 years. You do not need to fill out the qualifying information.

Dues for 2011

- **Professional & Affiliate Members:** \$200 for first studio member, \$166 for each additional member from the same studio.
- **Associate Members:** \$166. Convention fee for Associates is \$25.
- **Student and Retired Members:** \$83
- **Full Sustaining Membership:** \$625
- **Half Sustaining Membership:** \$325

Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the Association is to promote and improve professional photography through the education, publication, photographic competition, fellowship and the exchange of ideas among its members. The purpose is also to work toward the increased awareness of the public of the importance of professional photography.

Section 2. The object of this Association shall be to raise the standards of photography, both professionally and ethically; to create, foster, promote and maintain cordial relations and exchange of knowledge among its members.

Membership

Section 1. Professional Membership shall be extended to all photographers of ethical standards, be they business owners or employees, and whose place of business is in Vermont, with the following conditions:

A. Who works in the business of photography either as a business owner or as an employee.

B. If, being a business owner, they have both registered as a photographic business and have a tax number in the state of Vermont.

C. Once accepted as a Professional Member, such status is permanent except as provided in Article X, section 2d, which describes the power of the Board to expel members or remove officers.

Section 2. Associate Membership shall be extended to those individuals who do no photography for pay, who reside in the state of Vermont, and show an active and serious interest in photography, but do not qualify for membership under Sections 1, 4, or 5 of this Article. Associates will pay a reduced amount of dues which does not include the convention fee. They do not have the right to vote. They may attend all meetings and seminars and volunteer for any committee. If they wish to attend the convention, they will be required to pay a convention fee.

Section 3. Affiliated membership shall be extended to those individuals who are members of other State Associations. An Affiliate Member can not hold any office, vote, or serve on the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Sustaining Membership shall be extended to any photographic supplier or service organization with an interest in professional photography. The membership will be in one individual's name. One additional representative of the firm will be permitted to attend the annual convention for each paid membership. The member of record will be permitted to enter the annual print competition under the same rules as an Active Member. Sustaining Members do not have voting rights.

Section 5. Student Membership shall be accorded to any individual who is a full time student at an accredited photography school. A student must have a valid student ID card to qualify.

A. A Student Member cannot hold any office, vote, or serve on the Board of Directors. However, a Student Member may serve on committees, participate in print competitions, earn awards, and attend all seminars and conventions.

Section 6. Honorary Life Membership shall be extended to those individuals who have rendered outstanding services to the Association. They shall be nominated and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. They shall not be required to pay dues or convention fees and shall enjoy all the privileges of Professional Membership.

Section 7. Only voting members of the Association may be elected officers.

Section 8. Retired Membership may be extended to individuals who have retired and who have been members of the Association for 15 years or more and who are 60 years or older. They shall pay a reduced amount of dues. They shall retain voting privileges but are no longer eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

Section 9: Application for membership in each category shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board.