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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

**MEMBERSHIP  
 CATEGORIES  
 AND RATES**

**You Have Options:**

**Gold Card  
 Membership**

(Includes Annual Convention Admission)

Active Dues

- \$275  
 ---or---  
 12 payments of \$24.95  
 (Credit cards only no debit cards)

Associate Dues

- \$225  
 ---or---  
 12 payments of \$19.95  
 (Credit cards only, no debit cards)

Student Dues

\$99

Allied Dues

\$500

**Ala Carte'  
 Membership\*\***

Active Dues

\$99

\*\*Registration for Events are **NOT** included in Ala Carte' Memberships.

**Retired dues for Gold Card Memberships are half price (\$137.50)**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Studio or Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ PPA Member: YES / NO PPA # \_\_\_\_\_

If Associate or Corporate, who holds the Active Membership? \_\_\_\_\_

Michigan Sales Tax # \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site Address \_\_\_\_\_

Allied Member Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide us with two trade references. These may be vendors that you purchase photographic goods or services, or current PPM members:**

1) Name/Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name/Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:  Visa  MasterCard  AMX  Check (Make payable to PPM)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Code on Back of Card \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign and date this application and forward with full payment to the above address.**

I hereby apply for membership in the Professional Photographers of Michigan and, if accepted, will contribute to association activities whenever possible. I have read and understand the "Code of Ethics" and agree to subscribe to it without reservation. I promise to promote the business and educational welfare of the profession whenever possible and work for good fellowship and cooperation between all photographers and suppliers/finishers of the state. I understand that my first year of membership is considered probationary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Signature*

Your signature indicates, if choosing the monthly credit card option, that you have read and agreed to the monthly credit card information on the next page.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

# **PPM Membership Categories**

## **ACTIVE MEMBER**

Active membership shall consist of owners or managers of photographic businesses who are actively engaged in any phase of the photographic profession and have all required licenses and permits for doing business in their state or province and municipality. Privileges shall include the right to vote, hold a position on the PPM Board of Directors and be eligible to be granted life membership. Each studio is eligible to have up to two Active Members.

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

Associate members must be employed in a photographic business. No part owner or corporate officer may hold an Associate membership unless the partnership or corporation is represented by an Active membership. Applicant must be sponsored by two Active members. Associate membership does include voting privileges.

## **ALLIED MEMBERSHIP**

Allied membership shall consist of owners, managers or salespersons, or employees of stock houses, dealers or manufacturers or processors of photographic materials or supplies. The category shall not include persons engaged as outside salespeople, hired by a studio or other organization, for the purpose of inducing the retail public to purchase coupons, photographs, sales contracts, or any other device or media designed to induce the purchaser to have his photographic needs filled by the employer of such persons. Allied membership includes voting privileges.

## **CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP**

After two full dues paying members from the same studio are paid. Corporate membership includes voting privileges.

## **RETIRED MEMBERSHIP**

Any retired person, age 65 years or older, who has been a member of the Professional Photographers of Michigan for a minimum of 20 years may continue their membership as a Retired Member. They shall be eligible to attend all regular functions of PPM and shall receive all official communications. Dues for retired members shall be one-half of the Gold Card Active dues.

## **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP**

A Student member shall be defined as an individual who is 17 years or older who is enrolled full-time in an accredited post-secondary school. Membership requires submission of a transcript or a current, valid student ID for confirmation and references of two Active members of PPM. Membership is limited to two consecutive years and applicant may not have been a member of PPM previously. Student members have no voting rights.

## **SALES TAX LICENSE NOTICE**

All members who are billing the public for photographic services shall have a current state sales tax license.

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**ANY PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER, STUDENT OR VENDOR REPRESENTATIVE WHO SUBSCRIBES TO THE CODE OF ETHICS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS OF MICHIGAN AND IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN ANY OF THE FOREMENTIONED PHASES OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC BUSINESS AND IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS OF MICHIGAN. SUCH APPLICANT IS SUBJECT TO THE CLASSIFICATIONS HEREWITH SET FORTH AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. APPLICANT'S FIRST YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP, IF ACCEPTED, IS PROBATIONARY.**

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

1. I will endeavor to maintain a dignity of manner in my behavior, in the presentation of my photography and photographic services, in my appearance and that of my studio or place of business, and in all other forms of public contact.
2. I will observe the highest standard of honesty in all my transactions, avoiding the use of false, confusing, inaccurate and misleading terms, descriptions and claims.
3. I will at all times endeavor to produce photographs of a quality equal or superior to the samples I display, to apply my best efforts toward providing the best possible photographic services and to play my part in raising the general standard of photographic craftsmanship.
4. I will show a friendly spirit of cooperation to my fellow professional photographers and assist them whenever possible should they be in difficulty or need.
5. I will at all times avoid the use of unfair competitive practices and hereby subscribe to the Federal Trade Commission Rules of Fair Practices for the professional photographic industry.
6. I will assist my fellow photographers and share my knowledge with them and encourage them individually and collectively to achieve and maintain the highest standards of quality.
7. I will recognize the authority of this association in all matters relating to the interpretation of the code.

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**Information for the Monthly Credit Card Option Applicants:** *By submitting a monthly credit card option application, I understand that the Professional Photographers of Michigan (PPM) will charge my credit card monthly. I understand that I will pay an additional bank processing fee (Active Member = \$2.03; Associate Member = \$1.20) which is included in the monthly dues amounts in this application. The monthly charge will appear on my credit card statements as Professional Photographers of Michigan and the statement will act as a receipt. PPM will notify me of any dues or membership changes and will automatically renew my membership. I can at any time resign from PPM and stop charges being made to my credit card after twelve (12) consecutive monthly payments have been made. Any payments made are not refundable. A resignation must be received in writing, fax or e-mail. E-mailed resignations must come from the e-mail address contained in the member's record including the member's name. If PPM is unable to successfully make a charge to my credit card, PPM will contact me to make any changes or corrections to my record. If PPM is unable to successfully process my monthly payment, my membership will be considered void, and I am required to pay the balance in full to reinstate my membership. PPM is not responsible for any overdraft or bank fees charged to the member if a debit card is used for membership dues payments.*