



**American Society  
of Farm Managers  
& Rural Appraisers**

THE MOST TRUSTED RURAL  
PROPERTY PROFESSIONALS

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Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers**

# STUDENT APPLICATION

(Please type or print in black ink)

Contributions or gifts to the ASFMRA and/or its Chapters are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. **All applications must be accompanied by some form of verification to show that the applicant is a full-time student (e.g. copy of transcript).**
2. Application must be completed in full.
3. Do you wish to be a member of your local Chapter? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If so, which Chapter(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

(Mr. Δ Ms. Δ ) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

URL Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: / / \_\_\_\_\_ (For organization statistics only, ASFMRA does not discriminate against any person by reason of race, age, color, creed, sex, national origin, religious or political affiliation, disability, familial or marital status.)

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Permanent Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby make application for membership and if accepted, agree to be governed by the Articles and Bylaws, Regulations, Code of Ethics, and Standards of Professional Practice of my Chapter and the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, Inc. Should I violate same, I agree to accept suspension, expulsion, or disciplinary action as provided by the Bylaws.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

**Step I.** Send completed application and supporting documents to:

**American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers**

720 S. Colorado Blvd.

Suite 360-S

Glendale, Colorado 80246

Phone: (303) 692-1216

Fax: (303) 758-0190

E-mail: [membership@asfmra.org](mailto:membership@asfmra.org)

URL: <http://www.asfmra.org>

### Thank You...

for your application for membership in the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. The organization has been a leader in farm management and rural appraisal since 1929 and continues to provide quality services for today's professional.

As a member of the ASFMRA, you will be able to participate in:

- Education courses for farm and ranch management, agricultural consulting, rural appraisal and appraisal review, also many special seminars, all at a reduced member tuition rate.
- Publications including the *FMRA News*, JOURNAL of the ASFMRA, and various professional books.
- Conventions and meetings, including the annual convention each fall and a summer meeting/tour.
- Other services including legislative information/activities, committee work, and professional information exchange.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:** MEMBER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE REVIEWED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE FULLY APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

## **WHY STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM JOINING A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**

Tough economic times and fierce competition make job hunting difficult. You can get ahead in a variety of ways, but advancement usually depends on contacts, information on jobs, and continually updating your professional skills and know-how. The ASFMRA provides the opportunity to associate with others in your profession. By attending Chapter meetings, national conventions and other functions, you will build a strong network of contacts. You will also have access to "Career Corner" in the ASFMRA newsletter *FMRA News*, which advertises both positions available and positions wanted. To help you continue your education after graduation, the ASFMRA sponsors courses and seminars throughout the country.

### **GROWING AS A PROFESSIONAL**

Initially, students enter the ASFMRA under the Student classification. Within a year after graduation, Student members must apply for advancement to Associate or Affiliate status. (Associates must be providing farm and ranch management, agricultural consulting, rural appraisal and/or appraisal review services for a fee or salary.) From here, a member may advance to the ultimate achievement in the farm and ranch management, agricultural consulting, rural appraisal and/or appraisal review fields: earning the Accredited title of AFM (Accredited Farm Manager), ARA (Accredited Rural Appraiser), RPRA (Real Property Review Appraiser), and/or AAC (Accredited Agricultural Consultant). Accreditation applicants must meet experience requirements, complete and pass several ASFMRA courses, submit one appraisal or management report on agricultural property that meets the minimum guidelines for narrative report writing or management plans as outlined in the ASFMRA's Standards of Professional Practice, and pass the comprehensive Accrediting exam.

### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The ASFMRA's educational programs are geared for both those entering the profession and professionals wishing to update their knowledge of the latest methods and techniques of managing, consulting, and appraising. Courses are offered throughout the year at various locations.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers has incorporated a mandatory continuing education program for Professional and Accredited members. Members meeting the minimum requirements of this program are entitled to state this achievement in reports and plans to clients.

### **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

An annual convention is held each fall at different locations around the country. Members attend comprehensive educational programs and renew contacts with other members. In addition, a trade show featuring more than fifty companies runs in conjunction with the meeting. Awards for outstanding service and recognition of newly Accredited members is a major part of the annual meeting. Each summer, a two-day convention provides members with educational tours of agricultural land and facilities indigenous to the region in which the meeting is held.

### **PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

*FMRA News*, the ASFMRA's newsletter, informs members of ASFMRA business, convention dates and programs, agricultural news, job openings and more. The annual *JOURNAL* of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers provides practical and timely articles on farm and ranch management techniques, rural appraisal methods, economic trends, legislative influences, and current university research relating to agriculture. While the *JOURNAL* is not included as part of the Student member benefits, individual subscriptions may be purchased. The ASFMRA also publishes a textbook – *The Appraisal of Rural Property* - which is a handy reference and practical text. This and other publications may be obtained by contacting the ASFMRA office for an order form.

## ASFMRA CODE OF ETHICS

Each member of the ASFMRA, for the benefit of the Society and its members, agrees to abide by and conform to the following Code of Ethics.

**ARTICLE I** - The member shall cooperate with the Society, its officers, and committees on all matters involving the Society in its relationship with its members, other professions, and the public, and shall cooperate in the enforcement of this Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Practice.

It is a member's duty to expose within the Society's ranks, without fear or favor, corrupt or dishonest conduct on the part of any member. A member shall strive at all times to uphold the honor and maintain the dignity of the professions. A member's personal and professional conduct shall uphold the laws of the land and promote honor, dignity and respect from peers and the public.

It is unethical for a member to act in a manner that is misleading or fraudulent or to use or permit the use of misleading information.

It is unethical for a member to knowingly submit false or misleading information in answer to a request by an officer or committee of the Society acting in the interest of the Society.

It is unethical, when responding to inquiries of a duly authorized appraisal review committee or a member thereof, to knowingly submit false or misleading information, or to refrain from submitting information which is relevant to the appraisal review process of the member's appraisal report. It is unethical to injure or attempt to injure, falsely or maliciously, directly or indirectly, the professional reputation or business prospects of another member.

**ARTICLE II** - The member shall obtain assignments, prepare reports and accept compensation in accordance with the provisions of this Code of Ethics and the Standards of Professional Practice. A member shall always respect the rights of fellow members when negotiating for professional work or advancement. The member may use all honorable means in competition for an assignment.

**ARTICLE III** - The member shall render professional services without fear, favor, partiality or the accommodations of the member's own interests.

**ARTICLE IV** - The member shall perform functions in conformity with the standards of the Society at all times. The member shall accept only those assignments for which a member has adequate time, facilities and technical ability. Where technical ability is deficient for a portion of the assignment, the member shall associate with a person who possesses the required technical ability, upon acceptance of the assignment.

**ARTICLE V** - The member shall not violate the confidential nature of the client relationship by improperly disclosing confidential information or portions of a report to unauthorized persons or entities.

**ARTICLE VI** - The member shall not represent conflicting interests, except by express written consent of all concerned, given after full disclosure in writing of the facts constituting the conflicting interests.

**ARTICLE VII** - The member shall not accept employment without first disclosing all previous and present relationships and current or contemplated interests with the property, case or purpose of the employment.

**ARTICLE VIII** - The member shall not use advertising on behalf of the member, the member's firm or those associated with the member which tends to be misleading, or contains false, fraudulent, deceptive or unfair statements or claims. Any publications shall be presented in a dignified form which shall not be demeaning to the Society or its members. It is unethical to engage in conduct, either directly or through the actions of another, which circumvents the Code of Ethics or the Standards of Professional Practice, adversely reflects on an individual's fitness to practice the professions.

**ARTICLE IX** - It is unethical for a member of the Society to operate or conduct business in violation of the local, state or provincial, or federal law(s) specifically applicable to practice of that business or profession. It is unethical for a member to counsel or assist a client or employer in conduct that the member knows to be illegal or fraudulent.

**ARTICLE X** - It is unethical for a member to claim or state professional qualifications which are not possessed or which may be subject to erroneous interpretation. Only those individuals holding the Accredited, Professional or Academic classification can claim any endorsement by the Society.

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