

American Society of Agricultural Consultants

Membership Application



VISION

ASAC Represents Excellence and Professionalism in Agricultural Consulting...Worldwide

MISSION

The specific purpose of ASAC is to foster the science of agricultural consulting in all its varied fields; to promote the profession and maintain high standards under which the members conduct their service to the public; hold meetings for the exchange of ideas and the study of the profession of agricultural consulting; and maintain a Code of Professional Ethics in the broad field of agricultural consulting.

All members uphold rigid standards involving training, experience, knowledge, performance, and the ability to provide independent and objective consulting services.

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Certified Professional Consultants Serving Agribusiness Worldwide

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(Please type or print legibly in black ink)

NOTE: Contributions or gifts to the American Society of Agricultural Consultants (ASAC) are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes. However, dues payments may be deducted by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

It's as easy as A – B – C

A. Determine Your Membership Classification (Consultant or Associate):

CONSULTANT CLASSIFICATION:

A member of the Consultant Classification shall be one who meets the requirements of training and experience set forth, qualifies for one of the types of membership included within the Consultant Classification and who is engaged in providing agricultural consulting services to the public on a fee basis. An agricultural consultant is defined as one who as an individual, or on behalf of a partnership or corporation, offers independent, objective professional advice in matters relating to agriculture and who acts as a private contractor. A member of the Consultant Classification shall possess a four year college degree in an appropriate field or shall have had equivalent experience.

Active - A consultant who is engaged in an appropriate field as approved by the Board of Directors providing agricultural consulting services and has met the criteria for membership as approved by the Board of Directors. All new consultant members will be accepted as an Active Member.

***Retired** - A member of the Society in good standing for at least ten (10) years in the Consultant Classification and is no longer engaged in consulting for a fee. Letter of application for Retired Membership must be made to and approved by the Board.

*The Retired member classifications requires a special application. Contact the National Office below for details.

ASSOCIATE CLASSIFICATION:

A member of the Associate Classification is one who is not an agricultural consultant, as defined above, and meets the requirements under one of the following types of membership.

Allied - Any firm or individual that markets products which benefit the activities in which consultants engage or which renders a technical service in connection with the sale of a product.

Sustaining - Any individual or business who wishes to support and promote the Society.

Student - A college student may apply for and be granted a Student membership status. It may be retained for a period not to exceed three years or until eligible for another membership category.

B. If you fall under the "consultant" classification, complete questions 1-13. If you fall under the "associate" classification, complete questions 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 13.

C. Send your application with any supporting documentation to:

American Society of Agricultural Consultants
605 Columbus Avenue SE
New Prague, MN 56071

952-758-5811 | Fax 952-758-5813
E-mail: asac@gandgcomm.com

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Certified Agricultural Consultant*		\$350
CAC Status requires a minimum of 2 years of membership and is not available to new members.		
Individual Member - Consultant	1st Company Member	\$325
	2nd - 5th Member	\$260
	6th+ Member	\$195
Individual Member - Retired		\$75
Associate Member – Allied		\$325
Associate Member – Sustaining		\$500
Associate Member – Student Member		\$50

An invoice for membership dues will be generated upon acceptance.

Thank You...for your interest for membership in the American Society of Agricultural Consultants (ASAC). Founded in 1963, ASAC is a non-profit organization focused on raising the standards and image of professional agricultural consultants and is the only association representing the full range of agricultural consulting disciplines. Membership is approved on an individual basis (that is, firms or government agencies cannot hold membership) and it may not be transferred. Upon the receipt of your application, fee, and accompanying information, the package is sent to the ASAC Membership Review Committee where it is reviewed in detail.

As a member of the Society, you will be able to participate in and/or receive:

- Education courses and many seminars with special tuition rates.
- Certified designation as a CAC (Certified Agricultural Consultant), which represent the top agricultural professionals.
- Regular publications including the *Communique*.
- Conventions and meetings, including the annual conference each year.
- The professional exchange of information.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

[] Dr. [] Mr. [] Ms.

Name _____ Job Title _____

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____ Fax # _____

E-Mail _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home (Cell) Phone _____

All correspondence will be mailed to business address unless otherwise noted.

Please send correspondence to: [] Home [] Business

1. I am applying for membership in the following classification (check one):

Consultants: [] Active [] Retired

Associate: [] Allied [] Sustaining [] Student

2. Degree/Major	College or University	Date Received
(List most recent degree first)		

3. Date you performed your first independent consulting service for a fee _____

4. Independent Consulting Experience

A. Please indicate the approximate amount of time spent consulting for a fee during the last four years.

Current year _____ % Last year _____ % Previous 2 years _____ %

B. Describe your field of consultation or specialty during the last four years.

C. In addition to consulting for a fee, do you receive other income related directly or indirectly to your consulting service (such as the sale of a product)? [] Yes [] No

If yes, how do you prevent such income from conflicting with your services as an independent consultant?

5. List three client references and two personal references. If client references are not available, please list five personal references. All references are contacted. Please provide complete name and mailing information for each reference.

Client Reference:

Name _____
Firm _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone# _____ Fax# _____ E-mail: _____

Client Reference:

Name _____
Firm _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone# _____ Fax# _____ E-mail: _____

Client Reference:

Name _____
Firm _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone# _____ Fax# _____ E-mail: _____

Personal Reference:

Name _____
Firm _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone# _____ Fax# _____ E-mail: _____

Personal Reference:

Name _____

Firm _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Fax# _____ E-mail: _____

(The above is STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and is available only to authorized officials of the Society.)

6. Experience - Briefly list your work experience since graduation from college or during the past 15 years (or attach a resume). (Please attach statement if additional space is needed)

Employer - Name and Address	Type of Work	Length of Service
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

7. List other professional associations in which you are active or hold a current membership.

8. Describe any foreign consultation experience you have had during the last five years.

9. List foreign languages that you speak.

10. Do you own or operate a laboratory? [] Yes [] No

If yes, please explain facilities and type of service offered.

11. Are you affiliated with a college or university? [] Yes [] No

If yes, list the college/university, your position, and classification.

College

Position

Classification

12. Explain services offered, products produced, etc. by your company and your responsibilities within the company *(for Associate: Allied & Sustaining Members).*

Please provide a company brochure if possible.

13. If possible, please provide the names of two ASAC Members in good standing.

Mail or fax the application and supporting documents to:

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Referred for membership by (if applicable): _____

I hereby make application for membership and if accepted, agree to be governed by the Articles and Bylaws, Regulations and Code of Ethics of the American Society of Agricultural Consultants. Should I violate same, I agree to accept suspension, expulsion or disciplinary action as provided by the By-laws.

Signature

Date

Name of Applicant (Please print full name)