



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) is extended to companies, firms and other entities involved in, or associated with the fireworks industry. Applicant agrees upon acceptance into membership to abide by and be subject to all of the terms, provisions, and obligations of the by-laws of the APA now enforced and hereafter adopted. In addition, applicant agrees that it will not engage in the manufacturing or distribution of prohibited consumer fireworks or explosive devices.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

FULL

Partnership or corporation which maintains and operates its principal place of business within the limits of the United States of America for the manufacturing, distribution, or importation of fireworks and other pyrotechnic products which are sold and distributed within the U.S. Members in this category are eligible to apply for a voting membership in APA, provided applicant is complying with all rules, regulations, and by-laws of this Association.

FOREIGN MANUFACTURER/EXPORTER

Foreign companies engaged in the manufacturing and/or exporting of fireworks and other pyrotechnic items whose principal offices are outside the U.S. Applicants agree that all merchandise shipped is in full compliance with all existing U.S. state and federal laws and regulations regarding construction and transportation. Foreign Manufacturer/Exporter members are eligible for technical advice from the APA regarding compliance with these laws and regulations. Members in this category do not have voting rights in the APA.

COMMERCIAL USER

Companies that are commercial users of fireworks such as theme & amusement parks and theatrical productions qualify for Commercial User membership. Commercial User membership carries with it full voting privileges as well as other benefits accorded Full members.

SUPPLIER

U.S. or foreign companies that supply materials or services to the fireworks industry and are not engaged in the sale, importation, or distribution of fireworks or pyrotechnic articles. Members in this category do not have voting rights in the APA.

FIRE SERVICE

Individual personnel or fire service entity involved in the inspection, certification or use of fireworks. Members in this category do not have voting rights in the APA.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Government Liaison We provide a liaison with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), The Department of Transportation (DOT), and other federal agencies to encourage mutual understanding and support in the development and implementation of regulations, safety programs and other projects.

Technical Support APA's Executive Director and Safety Manager are available to offer members technical support and expertise.

Information The APA compiles statistics, and acts as a central information source on regulatory actions and other matters pertinent to the pyrotechnic industry. The APA newsletter, email alerts, and our member-only website provide comprehensive and current information on industry legislation, statistics, and events.

Annual Convention A members-only annual meeting & convention provides a forum to interact with other leaders of the industry. Attendees hear from a variety of speakers, including representatives from federal agencies discussing the issues that have the most impact on them.

Winter Educational Conference Offers workshops on regulatory and business related issues, DOT Hazmat Training, and more. Non-members may attend this conference at a higher registration fee.

Public Relations Acts as a comprehensive source of information on all aspects of the fireworks industry to members of the press, state legislatures, and town councils. We also offer information and training sessions on how you can enhance your interactions with the press and public.

Fireworks Testing Our technical consultant, noted fireworks expert Dr. John Conkling, can analyze the composition of fireworks upon request to test for compliance to federal law.

Emergency Response System (ERS) The APA ERS is a benefit available only to Full and Foreign Manufacturer/Exporter members. The system is designed to provide required emergency response information for shipments of or incidents involving display fireworks, consumer fireworks, and articles pyrotechnic. A value at over \$400 a year.

Discounts Members receive a 40-50% savings on APA publications and conference registrations.

APA Committees There are a number of committees and sub-committees whose members work to solve problems common to the industry. These committees include: Code, Manufacturing Safety, Proximate Pyrotechnics, Public Display, Public Relations, Retail Sales, Transportation, and more.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ATF License If your company has an explosives license or permit from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) please enclose a photocopy with this application.

Note: Applications must be received at least 60 days prior to a Board of Directors meeting to receive consideration at that meeting. Meetings are held at the Annual and Winter Educational Conferences.