



VIRGINIA PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

ESTABLISHED 1898—INCORPORATED 1969

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS AND DUES

*** APPLICATION FEE—Required for all first-time Active, Additional Active and Non-Resident applicants. \$ 25.00**

1. **ACTIVE**—An individual of legal age who either resides in or works primarily in the state of Virginia, who is actively engaged in the profession of photography, videography, electronic imaging or other closely related fields may apply for membership in this category. This individual should derive a portion of his/her income from photography, image making or related activities. The studio or individual agrees to abide by all local regulations and the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia including but not limited to collecting and paying tax on all appropriate sales. Both a Virginia sales tax registration number and a portfolio of 6 unmounted 8x10 prints or a CD with 6 images reflecting the type and quality of images delivered to the clients are required. **\$ 230.00**

2. **ADDITIONAL ACTIVE**—All studios or establishments must have one Active member before others can apply in this category. It includes any individual who works with or for an Active member in creating images for clients. The sales tax number is the one listed for the Active Member. Applicants in this category must submit a portfolio of 6 images created by the applicant. The privileges are the same as the Active membership. **\$ 205.00**

3. **OFFICE STAFF**—All studios or establishments must have one Active member before others can apply in this category. Applicants in this category work with or for the Active member in a sales, accounting, IT or other studio support position, but do not create images for clients. No application fee is required. **\$ 100.00**

4. **PROVISIONAL**—An individual who is exploring the opportunity of making photography his/her primary vocation, a photographer whose work does not yet meet VPPA minimum standards OR a photographer who lacks any of the requirements for Active membership may apply in this category. This individual must either reside or work primarily in the state of Virginia. This membership has a limit of one year. Neither VA sales tax ID number nor application fee is required for this category. Privileges are limited. Anyone who currently sells his/her images whether or not it is the main source of income should apply in the Active category **\$ 195.00**

5. **NON-RESIDENT**—An individual of legal age actively engaged in the image making profession but who neither resides in nor routinely works in the state of Virginia, but who wishes to affiliate with the VPPA may apply for membership in this category. It is strongly encouraged that the applicant also be a member of the association in the state of his/her residence or employment. A VA sales tax number is not required in this category. **\$ 190.00**

6. **STUDENT**—An individual who can show that he/she is enrolled with a full course load in a recognized school, college or institute and has photography as the major program of study and is not yet earning a living in the field of photography is eligible for this category. Neither tax ID number nor application fee is required. A maximum of 4 years is the limit of eligibility for this category, and the classification will be reviewed each year. **\$ 95.00**

7. **RETIRED**—An individual no longer active in the image making profession may choose to have his/her Active, Additional Active or Nonresident membership classification changed to this category. **\$ 95.00**

8. **CORPORATE**—Any manufacturer, dealer of photographic supplies and materials, firm or provider of goods or services to professional image makers may apply in this category. Up to and including 3 representatives may attend all VPPA functions. There must be only one mailing address. Additional benefits listed on reverse. **\$ 495.00**

9. **SUPPORTING**—An individual NOT IN ANY WAY associated with the business of photography or professional image making may endorse the aims and objectives of the VPPA by applying in this category. Neither tax ID number nor application fee is required. **\$ 75.00**

See benefits and privileges associated with each category listed below.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

	ACTIVE	ADDIT ACTIVE	OFFICE STAFF	PROVIS	RETIRED	NON- RESIDENT	STUDENT	*CORP	SUPPORT
Annual Convention & Seminar Registrations are Included in dues	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Attend District Meetings	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Vote, Hold Office	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Name Listed on Website for Consumers	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	LINKED	NO
Eligible for Print Competition	YES	YES	NO	** YES	YES	YES	** YES	NO	NO
Eligible for Degree Program	YES	YES	NO	** NO	YES	YES	** NO	NO	NO
Receive Magazine	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Use of VPPA seal & logo	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO
Membership Pin	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Automatic Membership in SEPPA	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Eligible for VPPA Scholarships	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Attend Trade Show	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Eligible for Library Usage	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Reduced Banquet Rates when available	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Eligible for Door Prizes	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Attend Social Functions	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

* In addition Corporate members receive ½ off any size ad in the Convention issue of the magazine, free website link, special mention in the membership directory. Plus up to 3 members of the organization may attend any VPPA functions.

Members in the **Student category who apply for and attain Active or Additional Active status during or immediately following their probationary status will have all earned credits applied toward the VA degrees. **Provisional** members are not eligible for awards or credits from Print Competition.



Virginia Professional Photographers' Association

CODE OF CONDUCT

I, _____, apply for membership in the Virginia Professional Photographers' Association and enclose my check as payment of annual dues and application fees. I understand that if my application is not accepted, my entire remittance will be refunded. If my membership lapses or is cancelled, I agree to discontinue immediately the use of the Association's name, logo or emblem, nor will I then in any way identify myself as a member.

Upon acceptance as a member, I will subscribe without reservation to the following VPPA Code of Conduct.

1. I will observe the highest standard of honesty and fairness in all transactions, avoiding the use of false, confusing, inaccurate or misleading terms, descriptions and claims.
2. I will endeavor to produce images of a quality equal or superior to the samples I display, to provide the best possible services and to raise the general standard of photographic craftsmanship.
3. I will maintain a dignity of manner in my behavior, in the presentation of my services, in all forms of public contact including my appearance and that of my studio or place of business.
4. I will subscribe to the regulations of Fair Competitive Practices for the professional photographic industry and obey the rules of the Virginia Professional Photographers' Association.
5. I will assist and cooperate with fellow professional photographers by sharing knowledge or aiding in any difficulties.
6. I will encourage and expect other VPPA members to uphold the highest standards of the profession.
7. I recognize the authority of this Association in all matters relating to the interpretation of this Code.

I understand that failure to comply with the VPPA Code of Conduct may result in sanctions or revocation of membership. I agree to hold blameless the Association and its Board of Directors in any decision made on behalf of the Association. I will comply with all state, local and community laws and codes pertaining to my business.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (PART ONE)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	[Middle Initial]
_____	_____	_____
Studio or Firm Name	Studio Address	
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip [9 digit]
_____	_____	_____
Business Phone	Cell Phone [optional]	
_____	_____	
Membership Classification	e-mail address	
_____	_____	
VA Sales Tax Registration Number	Studio website address	
_____	_____	

If paying by credit card, please circle whether you wish to have the lump sum or the monthly payment plan deducted.

Credit Card #1 _____ type _____ expiration date _____

Credit Card # 2 _____ type _____ expiration date _____

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (PART TWO)

Primary Image-making Specialty: _____ Portrait/Wedding _____ Commercial
_____ Industrial _____ Video
_____ Educator _____ Artist/Specialist
_____ Studio Owner/Manager _____ Other (please specify below)
_____ Student

Years of experience in specialty _____

Indicate membership in other photographic associations _____

PPA membership number, if applicable _____

List any national photographic degrees earned: _____

Other business experience: _____ years. If so, in what type? _____

Do you hold another job? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _____

Affidavit for Applicant:

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is correct. I also attest that the prints accompanying this application are mine alone and were not made under the direction of an instructor or other professional image maker. I have read, understand and will comply and will comply with the VPPA Code of Conduct and with all applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and my locality.

Applicant's Signature _____

BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM, APPLICANT MUST HAVE SPONSORING SIGNATURES FROM 2 CURRENT MEMBERS

Affidavit for Sponsors:

As a member in good standing of the VPPA (I have been an Active, Additional Active, Retired or Life member for at least one year and my dues are current), I wish to sponsor this applicant. I sincerely believe that this applicant will benefit from membership in the Association.

Signature of Primary Sponsoring Member

Signature of Second Sponsor

Applicant, after filling in both sides of this form, please enclose your check for the full amount of dues and fees made payable to the Virginia Professional Photographers' Association (VPPA) OR give two valid credit card numbers for the payment plan. Active, Additional Active and Non-Resident image makers must pay the application fee and also include 6 8x10 unmounted photographs or a CD of 6 images (8x10, 180 dpi) that represent the type and quality of work that you routinely present to clients. This is not required for those applying for membership in the Provisional, Office Staff, Corporate, Associate, Student or Supporting categories. Any applicant already holding a PPA degree does not need to submit prints.

We request that you submit a recent headshot of the applicant for our membership directory. Please submit this image [2.5 x 3.5" jpeg @ 300 dpi] on a separate CD.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR REVIEW.

If you do not know the Governor in your area, please call 1-800/552-8772 for that information.

Dues are payable in advance and are based on a fiscal year that runs from Nov.1-Oct. 31. All applications will be examined by the Board of Directors. Applicants will be officially notified of their status.

Anyone applying at the Convention or the Seminar must complete all of the requirements for admission within **30 days.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Portfolio Included: _____ Dues and Fees Attached: _____ Date Received: _____ District: _____