

**St. Joseph Regional Association of REALTORS®
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

This contract contains binding arbitration provision which may be enforced by the parties.

To: The St. Joseph Regional Association of REALTORS® (An Association of REALTORS®)

I, _____ hereby apply for Designated REALTOR®

(Name of Applicant as it appears on real estate license.)

REALTOR® PRIMARY SECONDARY membership in the above named Association, and enclose my check in the amount of \$_____ which I understand will be returned to me in the event I am not accepted to membership. In the event my application is approved, I agree as a condition of membership to complete the next regularly scheduled Orientation course of the above named Association, or if excused, the following session thereof, and thereafter as outlined in the Bylaws. I understand that if I should fail to complete said Orientation that my application for membership will automatically be disapproved and my Association application fee will be forfeited. I agree to thoroughly familiarize myself with the Code of Ethics of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, including the duty to arbitrate contractual disputes in accordance with the Code of Ethics of the Arbitration Manual of the National Association of REALTORS® and the Missouri Supplement thereto and the Constitutions, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the above named Association of REALTORS®, the State Association, and the National Association. I further agree to satisfactorily complete a reasonable and non-discriminatory written examination covering such Code, Constitutions, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and duty to arbitrate. I further agree that my act of applying dues shall evidence my initial and continuing commitment to abide by the aforesaid mentioned Code of Ethics, Constitutions, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and duty to arbitrate, all as from time to time amended. Finally I consent and authorize the Association, through its Membership Committee or otherwise, to invite and receive information and comment about me from any Member or other person, and I agree that any information and comment furnished to the Association by any Member or other person in response to any such invitation shall be conclusively deemed to be privileged and not form the basis of any action by me for slander, libel, or defamation of character.

Applicant acknowledges that if accepted as a Member and he/she subsequently resigns or is expelled from membership in any Board of REALTORS® with an ethics complaint or arbitration request pending, the Board of Directors may condition renewal of membership upon the applicant's verification that he/she will submit to the pending ethics or arbitration proceeding and will abide by the decision of the Hearing Panel; or if applicant resigns or is expelled from membership upon his/her payment of the award, plus any costs that have previously been established as due and payable, in relation thereto, provided that the award and such costs have not, in the interim, been otherwise satisfied.

Applicant acknowledges that if termination as a Member occurs and there is an ethics charge or award pending or an unresolved arbitration award pending, this information may be forwarded to any Board to which I may apply for future membership and notification will be provided to applicant.

Please Print Name as Shown on License _____ Spouse's Name _____

For Membership Records (If Different) _____

Missouri Real Estate License Number _____ Broker ___ Broker Sales ___ Broker Officer ___ Salesperson

Firm Name: _____

Firm Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Firm Phone: _____

Residence Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ FAX Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Membership Classification: ___ REALTOR® ___ Designated REALTOR® ___ Broker Assessment ___ Licensed Assistant REALTOR®
___ Licensed Assistant - NMS

Date of Original Entry into Real Estate Business: _____

Other Business Background: _____ Date: _____ City: _____
_____ Date: _____ City: _____

Date of Birth (Optional): _____

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Are you a member of any other REALTOR® Association other than the one applying for? ___Yes ___No If yes, name of REALTOR® Association: _____

Do you hold a real estate license in any other state? ___Yes ___No

If yes, specify: State _____ License # _____

Interests/Hobbies: _____

I am interested in the following Association activities, please list reasons and qualifications:

- ___ LEGISLATIVE _____
- ___ POLITICAL ADVOCACY _____
- ___ EDUCATION _____
- ___ SOCIAL _____
- ___ PLANNING _____
- ___ TECHNOLOGY _____

NOTICES

REALTOR® BOARD DUES COLLECTED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

REALTOR® BOARD DUES COLLECTED FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR ARE REFUNDABLE THROUGH JANUARY 10TH OF THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE DUES ARE PAID. AFTER JANUARY 10TH, THEY ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

1. Part of your annual dues structure includes \$40 that will be set aside by the Missouri REALTORS® to be used for issues activity. These monies will fund an “issues reserve fund” and may be used in the discretion of the Association to promote or oppose issues that affect REALTORS®.
2. Your annual dues includes a \$35 mandatory assessment by the National Association of REALTORS® of all REALTOR® members to fund a nationwide public awareness campaign that includes TV network and cable ads highlighting the value a REALTOR® brings to a transaction and stressing the importance of using a REALTOR®. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ENTIRE \$35 PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IS DEDUCTIBLE.
3. Dues payments are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, dues payments may be deductible as an ordinary business expense. It is recommended that you contact your personal tax adviser about business deductions.
4. Contributions to RPAC are also voluntary and are used for political purpose. You may refuse to contribute without reprisal and the National Association of REALTORS® or any of its state associations or local boards will not favor or disfavor any member because of the amount contributed. 70% of each contribution is used by your state PAC to support state and local political candidates. Until your state PAC reaches its RPAC goal, 30% is sent to National RPAC to support federal candidates and is charged against your limit under 2 USC 441a; after the state PAC reaches its RPAC goal it may elect to retain your entire contribution for use in supporting state and local candidates. We need your help with donations to reach our goal.
5. The Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 contains a provision that eliminates the deductibility of lobbying expenses of corporations and trade associations as a business expense for federal income tax purpose. Therefore, the annual dues paid to local, state and national associations will be non-deductible to the extent of that association’s lobbying expenditures on state and federal issues.

Since your Board/Association has less than \$2,000 of expenses for lobbying on state and federal issues, the non-deductible portion of your local Board’s/Association’s dues is zero. Please note the amount of state and national dues which REALTORS® are not able to deduct on their federal tax returns as business expenses is shown below.

Estimated Lobbying Expense Percentage
Non-deductible Portion:

- National Association of REALTORS®, 42% - (Annual Dues \$120) or \$50
- Missouri REALTORS® 37% - (Designated REALTOR® Annual Dues \$183) or \$67.71
(REALTOR® Annual Dues \$168) or \$62.16
- TOTAL NON-DEDUCTIBLE PORTION (DESIGNATED REALTORS®) \$117.71
- TOTAL NON-DEDUCTIBEL PORTION (REALTORS®) \$112.16

Designated REALTOR®, REALTOR® membership includes Local, State and National Association.)

NAME OF APPLICANT: (Please Print) _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____