



Application for REALTOR® Membership

I, _____
 Print Name of Applicant

hereby apply for REALTOR® membership in the Galveston Association of REALTORS® (GAR). In the event my application is approved, I agree as a condition to membership to complete the GAR orientation course, and otherwise on my own initiative to thoroughly familiarize myself with the

Code of Ethics of the National Association of REALTORS®, including the duty to arbitrate business disputes in accordance with the Code of Ethics and Arbitration Manual and the Constitution, Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the Galveston Association of REALTORS®, the Texas Association of REALTORS® and the National Association of REALTORS®. I further agree that my act of paying dues shall evidence my initial and continuing commitment to abide by the aforementioned Code of Ethics, Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and the duty to arbitrate, all as from time to time amended. Finally, I consent that and authorize GAR, 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 GAR 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 the Galveston Association of REALTORS® with an ethics complaint or arbitration request pending, the Board of Directors may condition renewal of membership upon 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 without having complied with a sanction in an ethics hearing or with an award in an arbitration proceeding, the Board of Directors may condition renewal of membership upon his/her completing the sanction or 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 cost have not, in the interim, been otherwise satisfied.

The applicant acknowledges that the application fee and the membership dues are non-refundable after membership is approved by the Board of Directors.

Are you presently, or have you been a member of a local REALTOR® association? If yes, please list:

Agent Information

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

Cell Number: _____

Company Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Attach the following:

1. A copy of your Real Estate License or Appraiser's Certificate.
2. A copy of your Driver's License.
3. A "Letter of Good Standing" from your Primary Association (If applying for a **Secondary Membership**).

Please provide a preferred password for your account: _____

If applying for MLS access as well, please use the same password on both applications.

Orientation

Your membership requires that you complete a mandatory orientation and online code of ethics training.

Certification

I certify that the information on this application is true and correct and authorize the Galveston Association of REALTORS® through its representatives to verify these facts through recognized credit and other channels as they deem necessary.

Signature of Applicant

date

If a real estate licensee is applying, the signature of the sponsoring broker or the Designated REALTOR® is required below.

Broker Recommendation

As the sponsoring broker of the above named applicant, or the Designated REALTOR of the above named applicant's office, I recommend that said applicant be elected to membership in the Galveston Association of REALTORS®.

Signature of sponsoring broker or Designated REALTOR®

date

REALTOR® Membership Fees

Application Fee	\$ 150	One Time Account Set-Up Fee
Primary Member Dues	\$ 125	Local - GAR
	\$ 117	State – TAR
	\$ 30	TAR Issues Mobilization/Political Advocacy Assessment
	\$ 5	TAR Legal Assessment
	\$ 150	National – NAR
	\$ 35	NAR Public Awareness Campaign
	<u>\$ 35*</u>	<u>TREPAC</u>
	\$ 497	annually
Secondary Member Dues	\$ 125	annually
	<u>\$ 35*</u>	<u>TREPAC</u>
	\$ 160	annually

***NOTE:** The \$35 TREPAC contribution is an optional investment in the Texas Association of REALTORS Political Action Committee.

TREPAC contributions are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes. Contributions to the Texas Association of REALTORS® Political Action Committee (TREPAC), the Texas Association of REALTORS® Federal Political Action Committee (TAR FedPAC), and the REALTOR® Political Action Committee (RPAC) are voluntary and are used for political purposes. The amount indicated is merely a guideline, and you may contribute more or less than the suggested amount. The Association will not favor or disadvantage anyone by reason of the amount of their contribution, and you may refuse to contribute without reprisal by the Association. TREPAC initially receives each contribution, and a percentage is transmitted to RPAC via TAR FedPAC to meet TREPAC's RPAC annual quota. RPAC supports Federal candidates with those contributions which are charged against your limits under 2 U.S.C. 441a. The percentage forwarded to national RPAC each month may be obtained by contacting the TAR FedPAC administrator at 800-873-9155.

Return completed application and additional required materials to:
mls@thegalvestonmls.com