**Associate Member**
The Associate Membership category is designed to allow individuals who are currently enrolled in a forestry or natural resources degree program or recent graduates to be affiliated with ACF until such time as they meet the qualifications and standards for application for Candidate for Member status. Associate Membership status can only be maintained for three years past graduation, at which time it is anticipated that either Candidate for Member or Candidate for Affiliate application will be made. Dues are $25/year.

**Candidate for Affiliate**
Becoming a Candidate for Affiliate Member is the first step towards Affiliate Membership. The applicant must be a graduate of a forestry or natural resource associate degree-granting program recognized by the ACF Executive Committee and have at least two years of practical forestry experience. The applicant’s principal business activity must be forestry consulting work to the public on a fee or contract basis. The applicant must be an owner, partner, or significant stockholder in a forestry consulting firm; a salaried employee of a consulting firm owned by one or more ACF members; or practice in a firm enrolled in the ACF Practice Monitoring Program. The applicant must have no economic interest in a timber purchasing or timber procurement entity. Individuals are required to complete The Practice of Consulting Forestry course no more than six months prior to application or between acceptance as a Candidate for Member and application for Full Member status. Dues are $300/year.

**Candidate for Member**
Becoming a Candidate for Member is the first step towards Full Membership. The applicant must be a graduate of a forestry or natural resource degree-granting program recognized by the ACF Executive Committee and have at least two years of practical forestry experience. The applicant’s principal business activity must be forestry consulting work to the public on a fee or contract basis. The applicant must be an owner, partner, or significant stockholder in a forestry consulting firm; a salaried employee of a consulting firm owned by one or more ACF members; or practice in a firm enrolled in the ACF Practice Monitoring Program. The applicant must have no economic interest in a timber purchasing or timber procurement entity. Individuals are required to complete The Practice of Consulting Forestry course no more than six months prior to application or between acceptance as a Candidate for Member and application for Full Member status. Dues are $300/year.

**Affiliate Member**
Once an individual has been a Candidate for Affiliate member for at least one but no more than three years, has completed the Practice of Consulting Forestry course, and has five or more years experience in practical forestry, the individual is eligible to apply for Full Member status. Dues are $320/year.

**Full Member**
Once an individual has been a Candidate for Full Member for at least one but no more than three years, has completed the Practice of Consulting Forestry course, and has five or more years experience in practical forestry, the individual is eligible to apply for Full Member status. Dues are $400/year.

**Member Inactive**
Inactive status is for Full Members with changes in employment that lead to no longer qualifying for membership, but wish to maintain their relationship with the association. Dues are $100/year.

**Retired Member**
A Full Member is eligible to apply for Retired status if the individual’s principal income is from retirement or disability. Dues are $100/year.

**Lifetime Member**
After a minimum of 15 years of Full Membership, ACF Members who are more than 65 years old are eligible to apply for Lifetime status. Application is required and dues are waived after a $400 one-time fee.

To find all membership category applications, visit www.acf-foresters.org and click "Join Now" under the Membership tab or email membership@acf-foresters.org.