**Associate Member**
The Associate Membership category is designed for individuals who have not yet met the requirements for Candidate Membership. Standards for Associate Member are:

1. current enrollment in a forestry or natural resources degree-granting program or graduation from such a program within the past three (3) years; and
2. no undisclosed economic interests or associations with any entity wherein a conflict of interest may exist in representing clients

Dues are $25/year.

**Candidate for Affiliate Member**
Becoming a Candidate for Affiliate Member is the first step towards Affiliate Membership. Standards for this category are:

1. graduation from a forestry or natural resources associate degree-granting program;
2. two (2) years of practical forestry experience, management, or special forestry classification;
3. no undisclosed economic interests or associations with any entity wherein a conflict of interest may exist in representing clients; and
4. business ownership or employment status as an owner, partner or stockholder in a forestry consulting firm; an employee of a consulting firm that has one or more of its owners as an ACF Member; or practice in a firm enrolled in an ACF-approved practice monitoring program.

Dues are $300/year.

**Candidate for Full Member**
Becoming a Candidate for Full Member is the first step towards Full Membership. Standards for this category are:

1. graduation from a forestry or related bachelor or higher degree-granting program
2. two (2) years of practical forestry experience, management, or special forestry classification;
3. no undisclosed economic interests or associations with any entity wherein a conflict of interest may exist in representing clients; and
4. business ownership or employment status as an owner, partner or stockholder in a forestry consulting firm; an employee of a consulting firm that has one or more of its owners as an ACF Member; or practice in a firm enrolled in an ACF-approved practice monitoring program.

Dues are $300/year.

**Affiliate Member**
An individual is eligible to apply for Affiliate Member status upon:

1. being a Candidate for Affiliate Member for at least one but no more than three years;
2. completing Practice of Consulting Forestry course; and
3. having five or more years experience in practical forestry.

Dues are $320/year.

**Full Member**
An individual is eligible to apply for Full Member status upon:

1. being a Candidate for Full Member for at least one but no more than three years;
2. completing Practice of Consulting Forestry course; and
3. having five or more years experience in practical forestry.

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.

Dues are waived after a $400 one-time fee.