

Mail to: Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society
ATTN: Treasurer
176 Tazan Avenue, Florence, MS 39073-8720

Renewal dues are payable by January 1 each year.
Memberships are effective from January through December.

MISSISSIPPI GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

INITIAL APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership Type: All communications will only be sent to one contact per application. Membership classification has no effect on the rate being charged. It is for the convenience of the club to simplify communication.

- Single Membership: For an individual above their eighteenth birthday. *
- Family Membership: For a couple or a parent or parents and all children of that immediate family who meet the age or student status guidelines noted in Junior Membership classification. *

Adult Applicant(s):

\$20.00 \$10 (July-Nov. reduced) Name: _____ Occupation: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Newsletters and Information Distribution: MGMS information and newsletters are distributed electronically. If you choose to receive printed communications, delivery may be delayed several days. All MGMS communications (including newsletters) will only be sent to one contact on this application.

Email Newsletter--Provide Email Address: _____

Unable to receive electronic (emailed) newsletters - printed newsletter requested

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Interests: Field Trips--creeks, gravel pits, etc. Fossils Minerals Lapidary--cabbng, slabbing, rock tumbling, etc. Beading
 Junior Activities Wire Wrapping Silversmithing Chainmaille Other _____

Junior Applicant(s): A child is eligible in this membership classification **from age 8 continuing to age 18 or a student under the age of 25.** Children not in the immediate family (i.e. grandchild, niece, nephew, or neighbor) meeting the Junior membership category guidelines may be added on either a Family Membership or a Single Membership. *

Adult(s) must assume responsibility for the safety and conduct of each Junior while attending Society functions.

\$5.00 \$2.50 (July-Nov reduced) Name _____ Age _____ Relationship _____

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Enclosed are dues as indicated above. I (we) understand that the dues will be returned if this application is not accepted. I (we) have read the AFMS Code of Ethics and, if accepted, I (we) will abide by the AFMS code of Ethics as well as the MGMS rules governing proper activities in the field concerning conduct, safety, preservation, and protection of our resources. I (we) will also protect and respect other's property at all times--never trespassing and always obtaining permission from the landowners before entering their property.

Signature of Applicant(s): _____ Date _____

The Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society does not discriminate based on race, creed, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.

Signature of Sponsoring MGMS Member: _____ Download from the Website

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Membership Year 20 _____ Amount Paid \$ _____ Date Received _____ Cash / Check # _____ Check Date: _____

Date Application was: Denied Accepted _____ Processed: _____

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AFMS Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.