



Racine Astronomical Society Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in the Racine Astronomical Society.

Astronomy is an enjoyable hobby that can last a lifetime. Membership in an Astronomy club provides valuable resources to help you get started, as well as adding to the overall experience. Please read through the following information before sending in your application.

Benefits of Membership

- The right to attend our Saturday evening members nights at the observatory. Members nights are held on two or more Saturday nights a year as listed in our annual events calendar. On clear members nights, several club members will set up telescopes for observing. This is a good opportunity for members to bring their personal telescopes to the observatory. On cloudy nights, this is a good opportunity to have questions answered and become more familiar with the Modine Benstead Observatory. The society has 3 beginner telescopes available for use at the observatory by our members. The observatory also has a library with a wide assortment of Astronomy books that members can check out.
- The society has three Star Parties each year in the Spring, Summer, and Fall.
- The society has an annual picnic and a Christmas party in December.
- The society meets quarterly at the Modine Benstead Observatory. The annual meeting is held in January. Our remaining meetings are held in Spring, Summer, and Fall as published in our annual events calendar. There is also a short meeting at the Christmas party. Members have a right to cast one vote at these meetings as applicable.
- Members receive the society newsletter, the “Obs-server”, which contains specific information about society events. This is available via mail or e-mail.
- A one-year membership in the Astronomical League. This includes all of the publications that the Astronomical League provides to its members.

Key-holder Benefits

- Members who have demonstrated an active interest in Astronomy and have volunteered for club events over a one-year period may become eligible for key-holder status. This requires the approval of the Board of Directors. Qualified candidates will have demonstrated the ability to use a telescope and an interest in promoting Astronomy to the public. Key-holders have access to society property and equipment for personal use or research in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors. More information about key-holder requirements is available at the observatory.

How to Join

Membership in the Racine Astronomical Society is open to anyone age 16 and over. A check or money order for membership dues should be made payable to the Racine Astronomical Society and mailed with this application to: Racine Astronomical Society, c/o Leigh Weidner, 2905 Hamilton Ave., Racine, WI 53403. Membership runs from January 1st thru December 31st each year. Pro-rated dues rates are available depending on application date. Please e-mail raswebmaster@wi.rr.com for more information.

Membership Class	Dues	Requirements
Regular	\$45 / year	Open to anyone age 16 and over.
Student	\$22.50 / year	Open to anyone age 16 and over who is a full-time student.
Senior	\$22.50 / year	Open to anyone age 62 and over.
Patron	\$90 / year	Open to anyone age 16 and over. The portion donated by the Patron member over the regular rate is tax deductible and can be designated by the donor for a specific purpose.
Life	\$1125	Open to anyone age 16 and over. A one-time dues payment of \$1125.00 results in a lifetime membership to the society.
Corporate	\$1125	Open to corporate entities. A one-time dues payment of \$1125.00 results in a 50-year membership in the society.
Associate	\$11.25 / year	Family members age 16 and over living at the same address as a Regular, Student, Senior, Patron, or Life member may join as Associate members. Associate members do not receive the subscriptions to publications provided by the Racine Astronomical Society, they would share these with the other members in the family.
Junior	Free	Family members under age 16 living at the same address of a Regular, Student, Senior, Patron, or Life member can be a Junior member. Junior members may only participate in society activities accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please fill in the following information and return with the appropriate payment of dues.

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Areas of Interest: _____

Membership Type: _____ Date: _____