



**Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences  
Youth Membership Application**

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**Early during 2016, the AAPS Executive Board and membership approved a new youth membership. This membership is open to any youngster between the age of 5 and 18 years of age. A parent or legal guardian over 18 must sign the application, allowing the child to view the AAPS website and receive email from the association. Membership must be renewed annually.**

**ALL APPLICANTS PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, OR TYPE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Male \_\_\_Female

**All Information Supplied is Strictly Confidential**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents must accompany their child to any meeting or event.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing, I acknowledge that my child is between 5 and 18 years of age.

Please Review the AAPS Code Of Ethics with this application

**Youth Membership \$5.00**

**All applicants must complete an application,**

**Parents of Youth Member's parent must sign the application.**

**Make Checks Payable To AAPS**

On acceptance into membership, I agree to abide by the Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences' Code of Ethics.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## AAPS CODE OF ETHICS

- Strive to stay informed of and comply with National, State, and Local regulations pertaining to collecting activities and general business practice.
- Obtain permission from land owners or governmental authorities to gain access to collecting sites.
- Assure that all lands, properties, flora, and fauna are left without damage to property or ecology as a result of collecting activities.
- Require that fossil materials received from outside collectors are obtained in compliance with the above collecting guidelines set forth by the Association.
- Report to proper local authorities any significant discoveries of scientific or public interest.
- Strive to place specimens of unique scientific interest into responsible hands for study, research, and preservation.
- Make no misrepresentation as to identity, locality, age, formation, repairs, or restoration of paleontological specimens.
- Conform to professional business practices when obtaining and disposing of specimens.
- Maintain a good credit standing among fellow suppliers of earth science materials.
- Encourage good relations and cooperation with agencies, institutions, and organizations actively involved in Paleontological pursuits.

### Explanation of Membership Types

**Business Member:** Owner of a business that is paleontologically related, such as a fossil dealer, commercial paleontologist, preparator, artist, or replica maker. Museums also fall under this category. Voting Member. Current dues are \$50.00 annually.

**Employee:** Employee or co-owner of any business. \$10.00 Annually.

**General Member:** Non-business member, fossil enthusiast or any non-professional interested in the field of paleontology. Voting Member. Current dues \$35.00 annually.

**Family Member:** Immediate family member of a General Member, to include spouse and children (over 18). Voting Member. Current dues are \$10.00 annually.

**Club Membership:** Club memberships are available to any entity with interests in fossil, mineral, or any natural history area that includes collecting on private, state or public lands. \$50.00 annually. Registered Club member is a voting member. Individual club members can join for \$10.00 annually.

**Associate Member:** Any academic paleontologist or full time paleontological student. Non-voting Member, no annual dues.

**Honorary Member:** Retired business member, or any individual nominated by the board and voted on by the membership. Voting Member, no annual dues.