Austin Mediators Association

Membership Application Form

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| Name (print):  |
|  Date:  |

AMA membership is on a calendar-year basis. New member dues received before October 1 entitle you to membership for the remainder of the current calendar year; dues received after October 1 entitle you to membership for the remainder of the current year and the entire following calendar year.

**AMA Qualified Mediator Membership Requirements**

1. Education: The person must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, or must have achieved equivalent experience approved by the Board of Directors.
2. Mediation Training: The person must have successfully completed a 40-hour basic training course in dispute resolution techniques which satisfies the requirements of Section 154.052(a) of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.
3. Mediation Experience: The person must have accumulated a minimum of 24 hours of actual mediation experience as a mediator or co-mediator.

**Membership Level** – Please indicate what level of membership you want to apply for:

\_\_\_\_ **Qualified Mediator** (formerly Professional Mediator) – Open to mediators who meet the Education, Mediation Training, and Mediation Experience components of our AMA Qualified Mediator Requirements. Members at this level may opt to be listed in our online Professional Directory and/or Pro Bono Directory with the Qualified Mediator logo. (Dues: $60)

\_\_\_\_ **Qualified Mediator - Volunteer Only** (formerly Volunteer Mediator) – Open to mediators who meet the Education, Mediation Training, and Mediation Experience components of our AMA Qualified Mediator Requirements AND ONLY OFFER MEDIATION SERVICES FREE OF CHARGE. (Individuals who do both paid and pro bono mediation are not eligible to apply at the Volunteer Only discounted rate.) Members at this level may opt to be listed in our online Pro Bono Directory with the Qualified Mediator logo. (Dues: $35)

\_\_\_\_ **Mediator – Not Met Qualifications** (formerly New Mediator) – Open to mediators who meet the Education and Mediation Training components of our AMA Qualified Mediator Requirements, and are working toward the Mediation Experience component. Members at this level may opt to be listed in our online Pro Bono Directory. (Dues: $35)

\_\_\_\_ **Supporting Member** – Anyone can join AMA. Open to non-mediators who would like to support mediation in the great Austin area. (Dues: $35)

By applying for membership at a particular level, you affirm that you meet the requirements of that level. New Mediators can upgrade to Professional status at any time if they meet the minimum experience requirement.

**Applying for Membership** - Provide the information requested on the next page and send this completed form along with dues payment (check or M.O.) and a copy of your 40-Hour Basic Mediation Training Certificate to:

Austin Mediators Association, P.O. Box 14323, Austin, TX 78761

You may submit this form and your scanned training certificate via email to membership@austinmediators.org. In either case, you may pay your dues using PayPal. To do so, submit this application via US mail or email. Once your application is processed, you’ll be sent an invoice via email that will included a link to the PayPal option on the AMA web site.

To apply for membership in the AMA, please provide information below. **Required fields are marked with an asterisk (\*). Please print clearly.**

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| **\* Name,** optionally including title and suffixes |
| **The following information is for AMA internal use only. It will not be visible to the public, even if you indicate you want your profile to be available publicly.**  |
| **\* Email** (for web site login and optionally AMA announcements)  |
| **Phone**  |
| **Do you wish to receive announcements from AMA? (Y/N, blank = Y)**  |
| **Job Title**  |
| **\* Do you wish to be listed in the Professional Directory? (Y/N)** |
| **\* Do you wish to be listed in the Pro Bono Directory? (Y/N)** |
| **The following information is visible to the public, but only if you indicated above that you want to be listed. Fields designated Searchable can be searched by visitors seeking to find a mediator.**  |
| **Business Mailing Address**, optionally including business name  |
| **Mediation Focus/Specialty** (**Searchable**; 200 characters, max)  |
| **Business Phone Number**  |
| **Business Email**  |
| **Professional Background** (Searchable; 3000 characters, max**)** *You may put whatever you like here, including your employment history, education, honors, types of cases you accept or specialize in, other services you provide, fee structure, alternate phone or fax numbers, etc. Use a second page, if necessary.* |
| **Web Site**  |
| **Languages** other than English in which you can conduct mediations (Searchable)  |
| **TMCA Credential** (None, Candidate, Credentialed, Advanced, or Distinguished; Searchable) |
| **Other Affiliations** |