



REALTOR® APPLICATION (LICENSED INDIVIDUALS)

As a REALTOR® member of the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board, you are entitled to a number of great services, discounts and benefits offered at the local, state, and national levels. Throughout the year, there are many events, programs and committee meetings for you to participate in.

Your membership in the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS®, is an investment in your career and your profession. Please be sure to take full advantage of all the Board's benefits and to capitalize on the investment in yourself as a member of the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS®.

COMMUNICATION

Know your industry and empower your marketing through:

- Listserv – e-mail service to communicate fast and effectively with the entire HWS membership through one e-mail address. For example, an open house announcement.
- Member Rosters
- HWS Website - www.hwsbor.com
- HWS Email Updates
- Georgia REALTOR® Magazine
- GAR Website - www.garealtor.com
- NAR REALTOR® Magazine
- NAR Website - www.nar.realtor

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Association has a long-standing history of supporting the local community. Each year, the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board participates in several activities and charitable events.

COST SAVINGS

Your membership can translate into over a thousand dollars' worth of savings as you will have access to:

- Arbitration & Mediation Services
- Georgia Association of REALTORS® Contracts
- Free Legal Helpline
- Auto, Dental, Errors & Omissions, Health, and Vision Insurance
- REALTORS® Federal Credit Union

For more information, visit www.hwsbor.com/benefits

EDUCATION

Membership provides you with access to several Continuing Education classes offered locally.

Additionally, through the Georgia Association of REALTORS® Partners in Education Program, you'll have access to many of the leading designations in the country. Among them are the coveted: GRI - Graduate REALTOR® Institute; CRS - Certified Residential Specialist; and, ABR - Accredited Buyer Representative. By achieving REALTOR® designations, a commitment to excellence is noted by other REALTORS® and the public.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Membership in the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS® makes you part of one of the most powerful and influential grassroots lobbying efforts in the country. Keep abreast of the latest local, state and federal real estate issues affecting the industry; and become involved. www.hwsbor.com/rpac

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Realizing that networking is a vital part of a successful career in real estate, the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board provides numerous opportunities for the entire real estate industry to come together, including our luncheons, Annual Picnic, Broker Council meetings and other special events.

RECOGNITION

- Your name and contact information is available through our online membership directory www.hwsbor.com

REALTORS® PROPERTY RESOURCE

Created by NAR for the sole purpose of providing REALTORS® with the data they need to meet the demands of their clients. Comprehensive data includes powerful analytics and dynamic reports for each of NAR's constituencies. www.narrpr.com.

**At the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of
REALTORS®, it's all about you!**

Join a committee, attend the events and get involved!

Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS® REALTOR® Application

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. A completed membership application submitted to the Board.
2. Membership fees must be paid.
3. Attendance at an in-class Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS® Local Orientation course. This must be completed within 9 months of submitting your application to the Board. Scheduled dates and times of these classes can be found online at www.hwsbor.com/orientation.
4. Completion of a qualified New Member Code of Ethics course within 9 months of submitting your application to the Board. For more information, please visit www.hwsbor.com/orientation.
5. If you are currently a member of another association or have held membership in the past in the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS® and have already completed a New Member Orientation Course, then you do not need to attend one again. You must submit proof of your orientation completion from your previous association in order to bypass these requirements.

Note - Designated REALTORS®- Membership fees must also be paid per licensed agent within the company. Paying fees on agents within an office does not automatically qualify them for membership; each agent must complete an application and fulfill all necessary requirements.

HWS DESIGNATED REALTOR® / REALTOR® FEE INFORMATION

Annual membership fees for REALTORS® and Designated REALTORS® are \$413.00. Each licensed agent within the Designated REALTORS® office will also pay \$413.00 in order to become a REALTOR® member of the Board. All agents applying to the Board must pay the fees, fill out an application and attend an Orientation session before being approved for full membership.

The portion of dues paid that is spent to lobby the State and Federal governments is not deductible for income tax purposes. GAR has estimated that \$13.82 (14.10%) is the nondeductible portion of 2017 GAR dues. NAR has estimated the nondeductible portion of its 2017 dues to be \$50.00 (or 42%). The entire \$35.00 NAR Consumer Advertising Campaign Assessment qualifies as deductible dues.

DESIGNATED REALTOR® - Defined as the Principal Partner, Corporate Officer, Trustee, or Branch Manager of a Real Estate firm. There is only one Designated REALTOR® per company. The Designated REALTOR® is responsible for paying fees for all licensed agents within his or her organization.

REALTOR® - Defined as any agent within the office of a Designated REALTOR® that holds an active real estate license who becomes a member of the Board.

HWS DESIGNATED REALTOR® / REALTOR® FEES

Prorated Monthly • January 1- December 31 • Fees are subject to change each subsequent year.

	Local Fees	State Fees	NAR Fees	Subtotal	Application Fee	TOTAL
January	\$160.00	\$98.00	\$155.00	\$413.00	\$50.00	\$463.00
February	\$147.00	\$90.00	\$145.00	\$382.00	\$50.00	\$432.00
March	\$134.00	\$82.00	\$135.00	\$351.00	\$50.00	\$401.00
April	\$120.00	\$74.00	\$125.00	\$319.00	\$50.00	\$369.00
May	\$107.00	\$66.00	\$115.00	\$288.00	\$50.00	\$338.00
June	\$94.00	\$58.00	\$105.00	\$257.00	\$50.00	\$307.00
July	\$80.00	\$49.00	\$95.00	\$224.00	\$50.00	\$274.00
August	\$67.00	\$41.00	\$85.00	\$193.00	\$50.00	\$243.00
September	\$54.00	\$33.00	\$75.00	\$162.00	\$50.00	\$212.00
October	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$50.00	\$180.00
November	\$160.00	\$98.00	\$155.00	\$413.00	\$50.00	\$463.00
December	\$160.00	\$98.00	\$155.00	\$413.00	\$50.00	\$463.00

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I am applying for the following category of membership:

- Designated REALTOR® Designated REALTOR® - Appraiser REALTOR® - Managing Broker
 REALTOR® - Agent REALTOR® - Appraiser

Designated REALTORS® must hold one of the following positions within the company.

- Principal Broker Partnership Corporate Officer Trustee Manager

Appraisers applying for Designated REALTOR® membership must hold one of the following positions with the above company.

- Principal Appraiser Partnership Corporate Officer Trustee Manager

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (required) _____
Nickname (if applicable) _____
Phone Home Office _____
Home Address (required) _____

Apt. # _____
City/State/Zip _____
Real Estate License # (required) _____
Appraisers License (if applicable) _____
Date of Birth (required) _____
E-Mail (required) _____

COMPANY INFORMATION REQUIRED

Company Name _____
Company Address _____

City/State/Zip _____
Business Phone _____
Business Fax _____
Firm License # _____
Website Address _____
Preferred Mailing Address: Home Office

CURRENT OR PAST MEMBER OF ANOTHER BOARD OF REALTORS®

Have you previously held membership in any Board of REALTORS®?

- Yes No

If yes, Board name where you last held membership _____

Please indicate any other name your past membership could be listed under _____

NRDS# _____

Last active year of membership _____

If you are a current member of a Board of REALTORS®, please indicate whether you are transferring your primary membership to the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS® or applying for secondary membership in the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS®.

Membership Type: Primary - transferring
 Secondary - in addition to your Primary

Any agent joining the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS® (as a secondary board) who is already a member of another Board of REALTORS® in Georgia is only required to pay the local portion of the fees to the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS® paid to the primary board for the current fiscal year.

The Annual Membership fees are due on January 1st of each year; however, applications received later than January 31st are calculated on a monthly pro-rated basis. Primary membership fees for the Habersham, White & Stephens Board of REALTORS® include fees to the Georgia Association of REALTORS® and the National Association of REALTORS®.

Have you been found in violation of the Code of Ethics or other membership duties in any Association of REALTORS® in the past three (3) years or are there any such complaints pending?

- Yes - provide details as an attachment No

Have you or your firm been found in violation of state real estate licensing regulations or other laws prohibiting unprofessional conduct rendered by the courts or other lawful authorities within the last three years?

- Yes - provide details as an attachment No

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

This application is the first stage in becoming a Member of the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS®, You must complete (2) two New Member Training Requirements. Notices will be sent out once your application is processed. This does not apply to any former REALTOR® members who have already completed these training requirements.

In the event of my election, I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the National Association of REALTORS®, including the obligation to arbitrate any existing or future disputes with another member in accordance with the Board's arbitration procedures. I also agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS®, the Georgia Association of REALTORS®, and the National Association of REALTORS® which are made available to me at the office of the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS®, and if required, I further agree to satisfactorily complete within 9 months' time, (2) two New Member Training Requirements. I further agree that my act of paying dues shall evidence my initial and continuing commitment to abide by the aforementioned Code of Ethics, Constitutions, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and duty to arbitrate, all as from time to time amended. I irrevocably waive all claims against the Board or any of its officers, directors or members, for any acts in electing or failing to elect, advancing, suspending, expelling, or otherwise disciplining me as an applicant, or as a member. Upon the expiration of said membership for any cause, I will discontinue the use of the term REALTOR® and return to the Board all certificates, signs, seals or other indications of membership in the Board, the State Association and the National Association of REALTORS®. I consent that the Board, through its Membership Committee or otherwise, may invite and receive other information and comment about me from any member or other person, and I further agree that any information and comment furnished to the Board by any person in response to the invitation shall be conclusively deemed to be privileged and not form the basis of any action by me for slander, libel, or defamation of character.

I agree that, if accepted for Membership in the Board, I shall pay the fees and dues as from time to time established. I understand that should I not complete (2) two New Member Training Requirements within the prescribed 9 months from the date of my application that I will be automatically dropped as an applicant for membership, and that there will be no refund of any portion of the fees paid. I hereby certify that the foregoing information furnished by me is true and correct, and I agree that failure to provide complete and accurate information as requested, or any misstatement of fact, shall be grounds for revocation of my membership if granted.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

BY SIGNING, I consent that the REALTOR® Association (local, state and national) and their subsidiaries may contact me at the specified address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, email address or other means of communication available. This consent applies to changes in contact information that may be provided by me to the Association(s) in the future. The consent recognizes that certain state and federal laws may place limits on communications that I am waiving to receive all communications as part of my membership.

Signed _____

Name (Please print) _____

Dated _____ 20 _____

CHECK PAYMENT

Make checks payable to: the Habersham, White & Stephens County Board of REALTORS®

Payment of \$ _____ Check # _____

CREDIT CARD

In order to maintain your security, we will contact you to obtain your credit card information for Membership payment.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Status Date: _____ Orientation Date: _____

Last COE Date: _____

Office NRDS #: _____

Member NRDS #: _____

Notes: _____

