



Racine Astronomical Society Membership Application

Thanks for your interest in joining the Racine Astronomical Society. Astronomy is an enjoyable hobby for people of all ages. Membership in an astronomy club provides valuable resources to help you get started, as well as adding to the overall experience.

Benefits of Membership

- Join us for member-only nights at the observatory. These are held on 2 or more nights per year and are announced on the events calendar. On clear nights, our members will use personal and club telescopes for observing. On cloudy nights, this is a good opportunity to have questions answered and become familiar with our facilities and other members.
- RAS has beginner telescopes available for use at the observatory and a library with a wide assortment of astronomy books that members can check out.
- The society has 3 star parties each year in spring, summer and fall.
- We host an annual picnic in the summer and Christmas party in December.
- Members vote at quarterly meetings at the Modine Benstead Observatory, including a short meeting at the Christmas party. The annual meeting, with the election of the board of directors is held in January. See our events calendar for dates.
- A one-year membership in the Astronomical League. This includes all the publications that the Astronomical League provides to its members.
- Key-holders have access to society property and equipment for personal use or research in accordance with the policies established by the board or directors. Members who have demonstrated an active interest in astronomy, have volunteered for club events over a one-year period may become eligible for key-holder status. This requires approval of the board of directors. Please speak with the Observatory Director for more details.

How to Join

Membership in the Racine Astronomical Society is open to anyone age 16 and over. For your convenience we offer two easy methods.

If you prefer to join digitally, email your application to treasurer@rasastro.org and submit your dues payment via <https://www.paypal.me/racineastro>. Note: There's a small convenience fee added to cover the PayPal credit card transaction fees. Details of the amounts due for each membership level are on the PayPal form to keep things handy.

If you prefer to join by mail, a check or money order for membership dues should be made payable to "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 to December 31st each year. Pro-rated dues rates are available upon request. Please email treasurer@rasastro.org for more information.

Membership Levels

CLASS	DUES*	REQUIREMENTS
Regular	\$45 / year	Open to anyone age 16 and over.
Student	\$22.50 / year	Open to anyone age 16 and over and 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 (one-time)	Open to anyone age 16 and over.
Corporate	\$1125 / 50 years	Open to corporate entities. Results in a 50-year membership.
Associate	\$11.25 / year	Family members age 16 and over living at the same address as regular, student, senior, patron or life member may join as an associate member. Associate members do not receive the subscriptions to publications provided by RAS. Sharing is caring.
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.

*THESE RATES ARE THE CHECK/CASH RATES. FOR PAYPAL, PLEASE REFER TO THE AMOUNTS LISTED IN THE PAYPAL PAYMENT FORM.

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

Names(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership Level: _____ Date: _____

The Racine Astronomical Society is a 100% volunteer-run 501(c)3 non-profit organization with no paid staff. If you have a little time and a willingness to learn, there's a way for everyone to help keep the society and the Modine-Benstead Observatory running smoothly.

Send me more information on how to help with:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Everything! Let me know what needs to be done. <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting in the lobby at public events <input type="checkbox"/> Running quick-5 minute demonstrations at public events. These are easy to learn! <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining the observatory buildings and grounds. Let us know if you have experience or a professional trade skill. <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on our non-profit board of directors or as a member-at-large <input type="checkbox"/> Write articles and compile information for our newsletter, <i>The Obs-server</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with fundraising efforts online and at our events. Let us know if you have experience with grant researching and/or writing. <input type="checkbox"/> Special event & public education/outreach coordination <input type="checkbox"/> Membership involvement coordination <input type="checkbox"/> Chair a special project committee: <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |
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