

How to Apply to G.A.M.A.

Application to join the Georgetown Aero Modelers Association (or any other AMA sanctioned R/C flying club) actually involves joining two organizations:

1. First you must join the national organization - the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). The main reason for this is that it covers you with liability insurance. (You will also receive from them a good magazine and assorted mailings). The typical AMA membership fee for one year is \$58.00, but there are special categories; see the AMA application (available in Links from home page). The AMA application can be faxed to them if you use a credit card and they can fax back to you a confirmation, usually in the same day. The area hobby shops usually can provide this fax service. No one, including guests, may fly at the GAMA Flying Field unless they can produce a valid AMA card. The AMA does not offer a family membership, but it does offer a discount for additional family members.

2. Once you receive your AMA membership card, you can then apply for your Georgetown Aero Modelers Association membership. The GAMA membership (regular and senior) is a family membership and includes you, your spouse and any children under 18 living in your household.

You must send in:

1. The GAMA application,
2. The fee for a regular family membership OR for senior family OR for student (see application for amount)
3. A self addressed stamped envelope
4. The GAMA Safety Rules. ALL membership applications must include a newly signed copy of the safety rules (even if you have signed one previously).
5. A copy of your AMA membership card(s). A card is necessary for each flying member of the family.
6. A onetime membership initiation fee, see application for amount. (Except Juniors and Students)

This package is mailed to the G.A.M.A. Membership Director at:

GAMA Membership
P.O. Box 1461
Georgetown, TX 78627

The membership director will mail you back a laminated membership card - GAMA membership on one side and AMA membership on the other- for each flying family member. This card is used by you to reserve your transmitter frequency on the frequency board at the field when you fly.

If you have questions, please contact the Membership Director or one of the officers whose number is listed on the back page of our Newsletter, THE EAGLE EYE NEWS. Copies are available at the GAMA web site: www.gamarc.org.

Please be very careful in filling out both the AMA and the GAMA applications. Errors or illegible writing will only delay your application. Common items that delay the application are:

- * A copy of each flying family member AMA card not included
- * A self addressed stamped envelope not included
- * Sloppy writing
- * Check made out for improper amount application fee (plus initiation fee for new regular member).