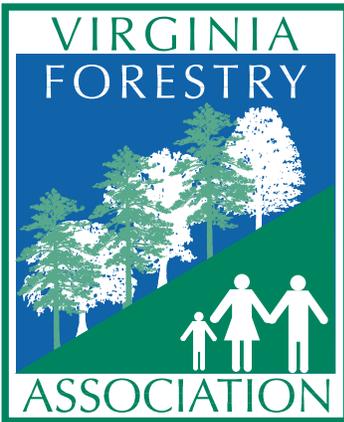


# Join the VIRGINIA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION Today!



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*The Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to sustaining, developing, protecting, and promoting the forests and related resources of Virginia. Its membership consists of forest landowners, foresters, loggers, forest product businesses, forestry consultants, and a variety of individuals and groups who are concerned about the future well-being of Virginia's forest resources.*

## GOALS

- Maintain a political and economic climate favorable for forest ownership and forest industry in Virginia.
- Enhance the public's perception of forestry in Virginia through effective outreach and communications.
- Increase and retain VFA membership and active participation through effective leadership and programs.
- Increase pertinent information transfer to members through effective internal communication networks.
- Promote sustainable forestry.

## HOW DO MEMBERS BENEFIT?

- Representation of forestry interests before the Virginia General Assembly, U.S. Congress, and local governments.
- Action addressing such current topics as the silvicultural water quality law, timber theft, woodlands security, forest products trucking, private property rights, and U.S. Forest Service Policy.
- Sponsorship of the 2004 Capitol Holiday Tree Project.
- Subscription to VFA's highly acclaimed quarterly magazine, *Virginia Forests*, and its annual directory of all 1,300 members, state and federal elected officials, and other important contacts.
- VFA's Annual Convention, with seminars and programs on topics that affect forests and landowners, also provides opportunities to meet other people with similar interests and concerns.
- Support of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative<sup>®</sup>, to help companies, loggers, and landowners improve forestry practices.
- VFA-sponsored teacher and youth educational activities including Project Learning Tree and *Virginia Forests Forever* CD-ROM.
- Co-Sponsorship of the Virginia Tree Farm Program.
- Support of the Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation.
- Opportunities to participate in insurance programs for healthcare, timberland and hunting lease liability, and standing timber.
- Representation on numerous state agency, natural resource committees and task forces.
- Membership provides an opportunity for YOU to participate in the support of forestry in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## VIRGINIA FOREST FACTS

- Forests cover nearly two-thirds of Virginia's 25.4 million acres of land.
- More than 15 million acres of Virginia are classified as commercial forest land, capable of producing both forest products and environmental benefits.
- Non-industrial private landowners own 79% of Virginia forest land, while the forest products industry owns 7% and the government owns 14%.
- For many years, the net annual forest growth of the state has greatly exceeded forest harvest, due to ongoing forest regeneration and tree planting programs.
- More than 70,000 acres of trees are planted and 12,000 acres naturally regenerated in Virginia each year.
- As a group, the Virginia's forest products industry ranks first in the number of manufacturing jobs, and first in salaries and wages in the manufacturing sector.
- Virginia's forests contribute over \$30 billion each year to the state's economy. The forest products industry contributes over \$25 billion.
- Virginia has more than 1,100 lumber mills and wood manufacturing facilities, 128 paper and allied products mills and facilities, and approximately 1,200 forest harvesting businesses.
- Virginia's trees are the state's leading cash plant crop, with more than \$290 million paid to private landowners each year.

## VFA DUES STRUCTURE

INDIVIDUALS.....	\$50	FAMILY .....	\$60
STUDENTS .....	\$15	LIFETIME .....	\$1,500
LANDOWNERS (based on forest acreage)			
Up to 100 acres .....	\$50	100-499 acres.....	\$60
500-999 acres.....	\$100	1,000 acres* .....	\$150
*(plus \$55 for each additional 1,000 acres)			
CLUBS AND GROUPS .....	\$75		
LAND MANAGEMENT & INVESTMENT GROUPS .....			
.....\$150* up to 1,000 acres			
*(plus \$55 per each additional 1,000 acres)			
LOGGERS/WOOD SUPPLIERS	\$150 single crew; \$175 multiple crew		
SAWMILLS .....	\$250 minimum		
	(more than 2.75 million b.f.		
	- \$.09 per thousand b.f.)		
TREATING, POLE, PILING & MISCELLANEOUS PLANTS .....			
.....\$250 per plant			
PLYWOOD, VENEER & MANUFACTURED BOARD PLANTS .....			
.....\$300 minimum			
(or \$.036 per thousand sq. ft.)			
PULP AND PAPER MILLS .....	\$.011 per ton consumed		
CONSULTING FORESTERS .....	\$125 per person or firm (plus \$50		
	each additional forester employed		
	will include membership)		
BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS .....			
.....\$200			
<i>(includes equipment companies, furniture manufacturers, insurance companies, financial institutions, real estate companies, railroad companies, etc.)</i>			

### VFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (OFFICE) \_\_\_\_\_

(HOME) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

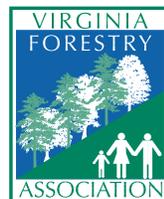
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY \_\_\_\_\_

DUES AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY?  YES  NO

RECRUITED BY \_\_\_\_\_



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