



KANSAS FARM BUREAU®
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2010 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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Farm Bureau is a membership organization with a paid membership (Family or Single) as a requirement to participate in member-only programs and services in all 105 Kansas counties. Membership is required for purchase and renewal of all policies issued by Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and Western Agricultural Insurance Company, except *MPCI, Brokerage and Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company products*.

ELECTRONIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Electronic Membership Application (web-based application) should be used for all new memberships.

SINGLE INDIVIDUAL

Every individual must have a Farm Bureau membership or qualify under their parent's membership. Membership is required of each single individual who is twenty-three (23) years of age and older, for membership-required insurance products. Membership is required for anyone under age 23 maintaining his or her own residence to qualify for membership-required insurance products and for voting status, if classified as a voting member.

STUDENTS

Students qualify under their parent's membership and are not required to maintain a membership unless one of the three conditions noted occurs:

1. Student completes undergraduate college degree.
2. Student reaches twenty-three (23) years of age.
3. Student is married, in which case the couple must have their own membership.

MARRIED COUPLE

Membership is required of a married couple, regardless of age, for membership-required insurance products.

UNMARRIED COUPLE

Membership is required of each individual when unmarried persons are living together regardless of age or gender, for membership-required insurance products. If a couple is to be married, they may qualify under the same membership if the wedding date is within the calendar year or they provide documentation of unmarried relationships by providing a jointly-filed IRS tax return.

MINOR CHILDREN

Membership is not required of a minor dependent under the care of a Farm Bureau member serving as a legal guardian.

AGED DEPENDENT

Membership is not required of an aged dependent under the care of a Farm Bureau member; or serving as an individual with the Power of Attorney. However, in this case aged dependents are not eligible for the Member Protector Coverage (AD&D).

CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

In the case of marriage, divorce, deceased, or any other change in family status a membership change may be completed by the County Coordinator or may be submitted to KFB Membership Records. This does not require a County President's signature.

COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP

Dues payment is not required of a nonprofit organization such as a church, school, government agency, etc. Farm Bureau benefits which provide for a discount or incentive are not available to Complimentary Memberships. (Example: Member Protector Plan, Vehicle Bonus Program, cellular phone program)

BUSINESS/PARTNERSHIP or CORPORATION

Individual membership can qualify businesses but a business membership may not qualify individuals. The membership benefit of the Member Protector Plan (AD&D) will not be granted to the individuals forming the enterprise. Only one membership is required to qualify the business/partnership or corporation.

ESTATES

Membership is required of an Executor or Administrator to qualify an estate. Other members or parties of the estate are not required to have a membership.

TRUSTS

The same membership rules for an Estate apply to a Trust. Only one membership is required to qualify a Trust.

CROP INSURANCE

Either tenant or landlord membership will qualify crop insurance coverage.

ADDITIONAL NOTE

A membership will be recorded in one individual's name. A spouse qualifies as an equal recipient of the Member Protector Coverage (Accidental Death & Dismemberment) and Reward Program benefits.

DEFINITIONS

NEW MEMBER: Individual joining Farm Bureau for the first time or individual who has had a paid membership previously but did not pay dues in any Kansas county during the last membership year.

COUNTY TRANSFER: Member who paid membership dues in one Kansas county and now desires to join another county Farm Bureau thereby transferring membership by paying dues for the new county in his/her membership renewal month.

RENEWAL: Member who has consecutively paid membership.

REINSTATE: Member who had a membership previously but did not pay dues anywhere in Kansas during the previous two months and have no current active policies. To activate a reinstated member, transmit as a NEW member after collecting membership dues. Identify the member with the previous membership number. A member is eligible for reinstatement as a "new" member if the member number appears as a blue link in the list of reinstatement candidates. The anniversary date will now reflect the new date.

COMPLIMENTARY: Non-profit organizations (lodges, clubs, churches, townships, school districts, libraries, etc) are not required to pay dues. These organizations must have a non-profit or not-for-profit status. Select the "complimentary" member classification on the electronic application. Complimentary membership exists indefinitely unless Membership Records (KFB or FB Mutual) are informed otherwise. These members are not eligible to take advantage of member benefits. **Only County Coordinators can enter a complimentary membership in the membership system.**

OUT-OF-STATE: Individual who paid Farm Bureau membership dues in another state. Kansas Farm Bureau honors requests from county Farm Bureaus in one of two conditions

- ▶ **One year** – individual pays dues in another state for the current membership year – has moved to Kansas and is utilizing a benefit/service. County must collect dues the following membership year and transmits them as a NEW member. (*Complete electronic application*)
- ▶ **Continuous** – individual pays membership dues in another state Farm Bureau, will not become a Kansas resident, but is required to have Kansas insurance for property. This out-of-state membership is honored each membership year by Kansas Farm Bureau as long as the individual continues to pay membership dues in another state and does not reside in Kansas.

VOID: New member who declines membership after joining Farm Bureau in the current membership year and has no active policies.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION: Classification of members is determined by the county Farm Bureau. Depending on the County Bylaws, the following is a general rule of classification. Classification may be changed at any time if a county board votes to approve a change. The status change must be sent to KFB Membership Records.

- ▶ **VOTING** - Member who has an agricultural interest with income earned through production agriculture.
- ▶ **ASSOCIATE** - A member with no voting privileges. A member who has no agriculture interests and no income earned through production agriculture.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per membership is retained by KFB and is allocated toward benefits and programs of Farm Bureau membership and AFBF dues (\$4.50). Each county Farm Bureau independently determines their dues structure.

MEMBERSHIP DUE DATE: A member's dues are due the first day of the month. They have a grace period of 30 days before their membership expires.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: These are the convenient options for members to pay: cash, check or credit/debit cards (Visa, MasterCard or Discover). Use the payment option on the member's account to process.

AD&D CONSECUTIVE YEARS BENEFIT: Membership dues must be paid on or before the membership expiration date to qualify for benefits available for consecutive years of membership. Any interruption in consecutive years of membership will cause the benefits of the member and member's spouse to return to the benefit level of a first-year member.

CORPORATE/BUSINESS MEMBER: If membership is in the name of a business, rather than an individual. One membership will qualify the corporation or business.

NEW MEMBER REPORT: The electronic New Member Report should be submitted to state headquarters after a county board meeting showing new members approved and their classification – voting or associate. New member cards will not be sent until this is submitted.

ENTERPRISE/COMMODITY DATA: This information is collected on voting members farming operation (size/type). All information is retained in strict confidence.

PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP CARD: This is the card that will be sent from KFB to the new member after the membership is approved by the county board and paid. (This is generated from the Electronic Membership Application). A member benefit information will be included.

SOLICITOR: The person responsible for signing the new member (and collecting membership dues).

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP CARD: Ability to print a temporary membership card in the county office or service center at the time a pending membership number is produced and membership data is obtained.

WELCOME LETTER: A new member welcome letter and permanent membership card is produced by KFB and sent to the member following the county board assigning member classification and approval. The letter is automatically generated based on information entered into Electronic Membership Application.

AGED DEPENDENT: Unless the child of a parent/grandparent has legal Power of Attorney and can provide documentation, two memberships are required regardless of titling or residential living status. Requires documentation submitted to KFB.