

Benefits of REALTOR® Membership



REPRESENTATION

Your GGAR membership automatically extends to the South Carolina REALTORS® (SCR) and the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR). The combined power of these organizations provides a focal point for you to locate products, services, information and many other tools to aid your business. The National Association of REALTORS®, The Voice for Real Estate®, is the world's largest professional association. The term REALTOR® is a registered collective membership mark that identifies a real estate professional who is a member of the National Association of REALTORS® and subscribes to its strict Code of Ethics.

REALTOR® TRADEMARK

Those individuals who hold REALTOR® membership are entitled to use the REALTOR® logo in connection with their real estate business.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS TRAINING

GGAR offers Professional Standards training to educate members on the REALTOR® Code of Ethics, a strict behavioral code for members of the National Association of REALTORS®.

CODE OF ETHICS ENFORCEMENT, ARBITRATION, MEDIATION AND OMBUDSMAN SERVICE

Ethics and arbitration hearings are held locally before the Professional Standards hearing panel. On site mediation of commission disputes and ombudsman services is also available.

REALTOR® STORE

Conveniently located in the GGAR office, members can purchase books and other real estate related items and promotional materials at discounted prices.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Regularly scheduled continuing education classes for license renewal are available on-site as well as online with discounted prices for GGAR Members. Designation courses, specialized training classes and free seminars are also offered. New Member Orientation and MLS Orientations are held regularly.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS



GGAR News is written bi-monthly and is available online. Frequent broadcast emails are sent to keep members informed of pertinent information. Event flyers, registration forms, and other information are available on www.ggar.com.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

A full-time professional staff is available for the Association and the MLS. A conference room and training room are available for member use.

COURTHOUSE RETRIEVAL SYSTEM

CRS is a web-based application that provides property data for 30 Upstate Counties. PowerTools are tailored searches, property tax record information, sales and mortgage histories, warranty & trust deeds, interactive parcel maps, aerial photos, flood maps, subdivision statistics, census demographics, mapped directions, white pages links, and much more!

ZIPFORMS®

zipForm® Plus is the enhanced version of the industry's leading real estate forms software. This easy-to-use software is designed to increase the real estate professional's productivity and help complete contracts more efficiently all while reducing risk. Members have free access to GGAR and SCR form libraries, zipTMS, zipForm Mobile, and zipLogix Digital Ink.

NETWORKING

GGAR holds bi-monthly Broker Update meetings, quarterly membership luncheons, quarterly REALTOR® networking socials, an annual Lobs, Links, and Lanes event, and the annual RPAC Fundraiser event. For Commercial members, GGAR offers bi-monthly Commercial Property Share luncheons, annual Market Forecast, Golf Tournament, seminars of interest, as well as commercial continuing education classes.

POLITICAL ADVOCACY

GGAR actively participates in legislative advocacy. A full time Governmental Affairs Director is on staff to keep members informed on local issues and to represent members at local meetings. Through RPAC, members have a stronger voice on legislation that affects the real estate industry at the local, state and national levels. The GGAR RPAC/Legislative committee is instrumental in this process. Members have an opportunity to contribute to RPAC and meet with legislators at RPAC sponsored functions such as Legislative breakfasts, receptions, and the annual fundraiser event.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

GGAR feels very strongly about "giving back" to the community. GGAR works in conjunction with the Greenville County public school system to provide Christmas gifts to needy children through the "Care and Share" program. The GGAR Community Service Committee hosts an annual fundraiser, Lobs, Links and Lanes. This event consists of a Captains Choice Golf Tournament, Bowling Tournament and a BBQ Dinner/Party. Proceeds from the "Lobs, Links & Lanes" event which is now in its 19th year, will benefit two local charities: The Frazee Dream Center and Rebuild Upstate. Revitalization Awards are also presented annually to members of the community who have revitalized a property that acted as a catalyst to improve the community.

TOP NAR MEMBER BENEFITS

- REALTOR® Brand
- REALTOR® Magazine, REALTOR.org, Houselogic.com and REALTORS® Property Resource™
- Public Awareness Campaign
- Government Advocacy
- Specialized Education
- Research
- REALTOR® Federal Credit Union
- REALTOR® Benefits Program

TOP SCR MEMBER BENEFITS

- Lobbying/Advocacy
- Legal Hotline
- Tech Help Line
- GGAR/SCR downloadable forms
- Education
- Monthly Research Reports
- Leadership Academy
- Discounts and Benefits from SCR Partners



2017 APPLICATION FOR REALTOR® MEMBERSHIP

To the Greater Greenville Association of REALTORS®, I hereby apply for REALTOR® Membership in the above named Board and am enclosing my check in the amount of \$ 250.00 for a one time application fee and \$ _____* for my 2017 Dues payable to GGAR. My application fee and 2017 dues will be returned to me in the event of non-election. In the event of my election, I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the National Association of REALTORS®, which includes the duty to arbitrate, and the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the above named Board, the State Association and the National Association. I understand membership brings certain privileges and obligations that require compliance. Membership is final only upon approval by the Board of Directors and may be revoked should completion of requirements, such as orientation, not be completed within timeframe established in the Association's bylaws. I understand that I will be required to complete periodic Code of Ethics training as specified in the Association's bylaws as a continued condition of membership. In order to be reinstated with the GGAR all remaining balances, including MLS, must be paid in full.

NOTE: Applicant acknowledges that if accepted as a member and he/she subsequently resigns from the Board or otherwise causes membership to terminate with an ethics complaint pending, the Board of Directors may condition renewal of membership upon applicant's certification that he/she will submit to the pending ethics proceeding and will abide by the decision of the hearing panel. If applicant resigns or otherwise causes membership to terminate, the duty to submit to arbitration continues in effect even after membership lapses or is terminated, provided the dispute arose while applicant was a REALTOR®.

* Amount shown is prorated according to month joining. I hereby submit the following information for your consideration:

Name:		New Member Orientation Date:	
Real Estate License #:	Specialty: <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Both		
Office Name:			
Office Address (City, State, Zip):			
Office Phone:	Office Fax:		
Residence Address (City, State, Zip):			
Preferred Mailing Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Office	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Personal Fax:	Email Address:		
Website:			
Are you presently a member of any other Association of REALTORS®? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, provide name of Association and type of membership held):			
Have you previously held membership in any other Association of REALTORS®? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, provide name of Association and type of membership held):			
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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, provide details as an attachment.)			
If you are now or have ever been a REALTOR®, indicate your NAR membership (NRDS) #:			
And last date (year) of completion of NAR's Code of Ethics training requirement:			

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. I further agree that, if accepted for membership in the Board, I shall pay the fees and dues as from time to time established. NOTE: Payments to the Greater Greenville Association of REALTORS® are not deductible as charitable contributions. Such payments may, however, be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. **No refunds.**

By signing below I consent that the REALTOR® Associations (local, state, national) and their subsidiaries, if any (e.g., MLS, Foundation) 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. This 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.

Dated: _____

Signature: _____



2017 REALTOR® DUES SCHEDULE

Month	Local (GGAR)	SCR Dues + Issues Mobilization	Legal Defense (SCR)	National (NAR) + Consumer Advertising Campaign (NAR)	Application Fee	Total
January	220.00	140.00	25.00	155.00	250.00	790.00
February	201.67	130.00	25.00	145.00	250.00	751.67
March	183.33	120.00	25.00	135.00	250.00	713.33
April	165.00	110.00	25.00	125.00	250.00	675.00
May	146.67	100.00	25.00	115.00	250.00	636.67
June	128.33	90.00	25.00	105.00	250.00	598.33
July	110.00	80.00	25.00	95.00	250.00	560.00
August	91.67	70.00	25.00	85.00	250.00	521.67
September	73.33	60.00	25.00	75.00	250.00	483.33
October	55.00	50.00	25.00	65.00	250.00	445.00
November	36.67	40.00	25.00	55.00	250.00	406.67
December	18.33	30.00	25.00	45.00	250.00	368.33

Dues must accompany membership application. NO REFUNDS

Please make check payable to GGAR.

MasterCard, Visa and American Express also accepted.

Membership Contact: Leah Duke - Email: leah.duke@ggar.com

Billing Questions: Connie Winslow - Email: connie.winslow@ggar.com

2017 REALTOR® NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

This 7-hour course is a requirement for REALTOR® membership and is offered every month except July at the Association office. Topics covered include member benefits, safety, fair housing, antitrust, RESPA, and the REALTOR® Code of Ethics. Members who complete New Member Orientation will automatically be given credit for the NAR Code of Ethics Requirement

All new members are required to complete New Member Orientation within **120 days of joining** the Association or all services will be terminated until completion of the course.

2017 Scheduled Dates:

January 27	June 23
February 24	August 25
March 24	September 22
April 28	October 27
May 26	November 17
	December 8

Registration: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Class: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

Attendance Policy: Any registrant arriving more than 10 minutes after the class begins will not be allowed to attend. Any registrant who does not stay for the entire class or who takes excessive breaks will be required to attend another New Member Orientation session.

Cancellations: Due to the fact the lunch will be provided, please allow 24 hours for cancellation. To cancel, contact Leah Duke at 864.672.3209 or email: leah.duke@ggar.com.



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AUTHORIZATION OF CREDIT CARD USE FOR ASSOCIATION RELATED FEES

To: Greater Greenville Association of REALTORS®

THIS AUTHORIZATION GRANTS PERMISSION FROM:

NAME: _____

OFFICE NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ **AGENT#:** _____

PLEASE SPECIFY (MARK ONE): VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____/_____
MONTH YEAR

RESIDENT ADDRESS: _____

TO CHARGE THIS ACCOUNT FOR: GGAR DUES

MISC. GGAR CHARGES

THIS FORM AUTHORIZES GGAR TO PROCESS THE AMOUNT BELOW. THIS IS NOT SETTING UP AN AUTOMATIC DRAFT, AS WE DO NOT STORE CREDIT CARD NUMBERS. THIS FORM WILL BE SHREDDED AFTER PROCESSING.

IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$ _____ **DATE:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____