

# Upstate Alliance of REALTORS® APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP



## SELECT DESIRE MEMBERSHIP TYPE BELOW

**INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATE (2 MEMBERS OR LESS AT THE SAME COMPANY):** The Individual Affiliate Members shall be individuals or firms who, while not engaged in the real estate profession, have interests requiring information concerning real estate, who are in sympathy with the objectives of the Association, who desire to hold their membership individually, and whose membership shall transfer with the individual. In the event that an Individual Member leaves his/her company, the individual retains the membership.

**CORPORATE AFFILIATE (3 OR MORE MEMBERS AT THE SAME COMPANY):** The Corporate Affiliate Members shall be individuals so designated by Corporations who are in sympathy with the objectives of the Association and, while not engaged in the real estate profession, have interests requiring information concerning real estate, and whose membership, while individual, remains with the Corporation. In the event that a Corporate Member leaves his/her company, the Corporation retains the membership.

<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>COMPANY NAME</b>
<b>Home Address</b> <i>(primary physical residence – no P.O. box)</i>		<b>Company Address</b>
Street _____		Street _____
City, State ZIP _____		City, State ZIP _____
County in which your <b>home</b> is located: _____		County in which your <b>office</b> is located: _____
Preferred Mailing Address: _____ Home _____ Company _____		
<b>Preferred Contact Phone</b> (Is this a cell? _____ Yes _____ No)		<b>Company Phone</b>
<b>Email Address</b>		<b>Your Position/Title in the Company</b>

<b>Do you have an Active Indiana Real Estate License?</b> _____ Yes _____ No If yes, license number _____	<b>Are you actively engaged in real estate in the areas of appraising, buying, selling, counseling, exchanging, renting, leasing or managing real estate for others for compensation?</b> _____ Yes _____ No If yes, provide a full explanation ( <i>attach separate sheet</i> )
<b>Have you ever been a member of UPSTAR in the past?</b> _____ Yes _____ No If yes, what years? _____	<b>Has your membership in a Board/Assn ever been refused, suspended, or terminated?</b> _____ Yes _____ No If yes, provide a full explanation ( <i>attach separate sheet</i> )
<b>Are you applying to meet the requirements for membership in one of the Institutes, Societies or Councils of the National Association of REALTORS®?</b> _____ Yes _____ No If yes, provide a full explanation ( <i>attach separate sheet</i> )	<b>Are you fluent in a foreign language?</b> _____ Yes _____ No If yes, which one(s): _____ Are you willing to provide translation services? _____ Yes _____ No
<b>Please check the ONE category below that best describes your business. If none, select "Other"</b> _____ Attorney _____ Builder/Developer _____ Home Warranty _____ Inspector _____ Insurance _____ Interior Design _____ Lender _____ Title Company _____ Photography/Video _____ Other _____	<b>Are you a veteran or currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces?</b> _____ Yes _____ No If yes, what military branch? _____

## UPSTAR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS, AGREEMENTS & SIGNATURE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply for Affiliate membership in the Upstate Alliance of REALTORS® (“the Association”).

**Application Fees and Dues:** I agree to pay the required fees and dues of the Upstate Alliance of REALTORS® (UPSTAR). I understand that any fees paid in association with this application will be returned to me in the event I am not accepted to membership. **NOTE:** Dues payments to the Association are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. Portions of such payments may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

**Qualifications for Membership:** I understand that membership brings certain privileges and obligations that require compliance, including the following:

- Membership is final only upon approval by the Board of Directors and may be revoked for violations of the terms of this agreement.
- I consent to the Association's authorized representative inviting and receiving comments about me from any member or other person.
- I agree that any information received in connection with this shall be conclusively deemed to be privileged and not from the basis of civil action by me (slander, libel, defamation, fraudulent, misrepresentation, invasion of privacy, etc.)
- I waive, irrevocably, any and all claims against the Association, its officers, directors, and members for failing to elect me to membership.
- I further agree to receive communication from UPSTAR via 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.

I hereby certify that the foregoing information furnished by me is true and correct, and I agree that the failure to provide complete and accurate information as requested, or any misstatement of fact, shall be grounds for revocation of my membership if granted.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# UPSTAR Affiliate Social Media Policy

**PURPOSE:** Upstate Alliance of REALTORS® {"UPSTAR" or "the Association") values social media. Its proper use creates awareness of our purpose and mission. It is also a great communication and marketing tool. As an Affiliate member of UPSTAR, what you share on the Internet is {or may be interpreted to be) representative of the Association and, in any event, must be approached with caution. This agreement **provides guidelines for Social Media Usage.**

**SCOPE:** This social media policy applies to all Affiliate Members of the Upstate Alliance of REALTORS® (UPSTAR) as it pertains to real estate promotion and other work-related use of social media-regardless of whether the technology used by the Affiliate® is a company or personal device.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE BY AN AFFILIATE:** In order to protect the Association from the posting of comments and information that may have a harmful effect on its reputation, staff and/or other REALTOR® and Affiliate members, the following policy has been developed. For the purpose of this policy, "engaging in social media" means posting or uploading content to any type of interactive electronic communication including but not limited to websites, blogs, social networks and discussion boards.

- Since the Internet is public space, you must refrain from engaging in social media that may disparage or harm the image or reputation of the Association, its employees or members.
- You assume any and all risks associated with engaging in social media.
- Before engaging in social media, know the Association's position on issues. Be sure it is clear that your opinion and views expressed are yours alone and that any statements, opinions and beliefs do not necessarily reflect the views of the Association.
- When engaging in social media, do not expect your comments to be private. Even comments posted in private groups can easily be shared publicly. Be vigilant to ensure that you do not disclose any information that is confidential or proprietary to the Association or to any third party that has disclosed information to us. This includes but is not limited to the use of Association trademarks, copyrighted material, board matters, personnel, staffing, and financial information.
- Use caution when posting photos of leadership, staff and other Affiliate and REALTOR® members from Association events that may portray them in a disparaging way.
- When it comes to political advocacy and candidate campaigns in connection with UPSTAR, remember the Association supports real property rights regardless of political affiliation. When using the Association name in connection with political issues and advocacy, please conduct yourself on line accordingly.
- RPAC investments should not be solicited in any online public forum.

I have read, understand, support and, as a condition to holding Affiliate membership with the Association, agree to fully abide by the above Social Media Policy. I will direct any inquiries or concerns, whether or not specifically addressed in the policy statement, to the Association Executive Officer. I understand that any violation of this policy could result in termination of my Affiliate membership.

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_