



The British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association

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Application for **Associate Membership** (2022)

Name: _____

Company Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Email Address: _____ Contact Number: _____

Associate membership is for any person not eligible for regular membership in the BCFGGA: If you are not a grower of tree fruit or if your tree fruit sales revenue is less than \$15,000 per year, you do not qualify for regular membership. In order to qualify for associate membership, you must be a grower who can make the following statement: “My farm is not capable of producing \$15,000 worth of tree fruits in any one year”.

- Yes.** I am not a tree fruit grower as defined by the BCFGGA.
- No.** I am a grower and produce over \$15,000 worth of tree fruit in a year
- *apply for regular membership.*
- No.** I am a not a grower - *apply for business membership.*

If you need more information about joining, please contact us at info@bcfga.com

Calculation of Associate Membership fee

Annual fee	\$230.00
GST (5%)	<u>11.50</u>
Total payable to BCFGGA	\$241.50

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Vision - A Prosperous, Sustainable, Innovative Tree Fruit Sector,
Growing Products That Improve Health.

Member Benefits

- Free access to Pesticide Certificate Points (value \$35 per year)
- Free magazine subscriptions (value \$75 per year)
- Reduced fee for Farmer ID Card (value \$100 per year)
- Free spray schedule (value \$10 per year)

- Free BCFGAs newsletter (value \$thousands per year!!)
- Plus exclusive services for BCFGAs members:
 - Help with SAWP forms (a fee is charged, but the service is only available to members).
 - Help with Integrity Branch, Service Canada audits (no fee)
 - Food Safety for Pesticide Handlers certificate (no charge) - certification is confirmed by a packinghouse offering the course.
 - BCFGAs Labour Orientation and Safety Training for workers (no charge) and BCFGAs picker recruitment (no charge).

Why be a member?

- BCFGAs works to maintain access to the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program
- BCFGAs works for sensible municipal regulations
- BCFGAs lobbies for innovative government programs
- BCFGAs works to enhance Food Safety and Environmental Farm Plan Programs
- BCFGAs publishes the electronic Tree Fruit Production Guide
- BCFGAs is working on advancing the industry:
 - Coordinates production guide with SIR's Decision Aid System
 - Working on a pilot project for electronic spray records

Did you know?

- ❖ BCFGAs supports the ALR
- ❖ BCFGAs promotes the Tree Fruit Industry to government and public
- ❖ BCFGAs meets with municipalities every year
- ❖ BCFGAs participates on the Sterile Insect Release Board
- ❖ BCFGAs seeks new solutions to pest problems, especially Spotted Wing Drosophila and other invasive pests
- ❖ BCFGAs seeks to create market value by promoting IPM and reduced pesticide