

## Maryland Nursery, Landscape, and Greenhouse Association Membership Information

The Maryland Nursery, Landscape, and Greenhouse Association offers three types of memberships, described as follows:

### Firm Membership:

Eligible Firm Members must have been active in the nursery, landscaping, greenhouse, garden center, or Green Industry business for a period of not less than one (1) year. Each firm shall designate one (1) representative authorized to cast one (1) vote for his company at membership meetings.

### Active Membership:

Active Members are additional employees of Firm Members who are active with the Association and sponsored by their firm. Active Members are entitled to one (1) vote each on all matters except those pertaining to changes in the Charter or Bylaws.

### Non-Voting Memberships:

Non-Voting Memberships are offered in four categories:

- a. Allied Membership – firms or persons engaged in pursuits related to or doing business with the nursery or plant industry.
- b. Out-of-State Membership – those eligible for firm membership, but desire to be non-voting members.
- c. Non-Profit Industry Relation – includes arboreta, educational institutions, etc. that have an alliance to the industry.
- d. Student Membership – student members must submit proof of student status upon application.
- e. Individual Industry Professional – individuals who hold professional industry certification; not for hobbyists; retired industry professionals.

Annual firm membership dues are based on gross sales revenue. Refer to the following chart to determine your dues. **First year memberships are offered at 50% off the established dues rates.**

Membership Type	Annual Gross Sales Volume	# of Free Active Members	Annual Dues 1 year / 2 year
Firm A	Under \$100,000	2	\$195.00 / \$360.00
Firm B	\$100,000 - \$250,000	2	\$265.00 / \$500.00
Firm C	\$250,000 - \$500,000	2	\$365.00 / \$700.00
Firm D	\$500,000 - \$1,000,000	5	\$460.00 / \$890.00
Firm E	Over \$1,000,000	5	\$560.00 / \$1,090.00
Active **	n/a	above allotment	\$75.00 / \$150.00 per
Allied	n/a	n/a	\$195.00 / \$360.00
Out-of-State	n/a	n/a	\$195.00 / \$360.00
Individual Professional	n/a	n/a	\$195.00 / \$360.00
Non-Profit Industry Relation	n/a	n/a	\$105.00 / \$170.00
Student	n/a	n/a	\$15.00 / \$30.00

**First Year Membership Offer – 50% off total dues**

For tax purposes, MNLGA dues may be claimed as a business expense under Section 162 of the Internal Revenue Code. However, the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993 directs that whatever portion of membership dues income is expended by an association in lobbying for or against specific legislation is not a deductible business expense for the association members. As such, it is estimated that 35% of MNLGA dues will be used for non-deductible lobbying activities.

Thank you for your interest in the Maryland Nursery, Landscape, and Greenhouse Association. If you have any questions, please call the office at (410) 823-8684, e-mail us at [office@mnlga.org](mailto:office@mnlga.org), or visit our website at [www.mnlga.org](http://www.mnlga.org).

