



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### ***MINNESOTA GRAIN AND FEED ASSOCIATION***

***“The Voice of Minnesota Country Elevators, Feed Mill and Farm Supply Industry”***

#### **Mission Statement:**

**To serve the agribusiness industry with integrity, respect and innovation in its programs and services.**

#### **WHAT IS THE MINNESOTA GRAIN AND FEED ASSOCIATION?**

It is a voluntary, non-profit association, composed of competing grain elevators, feed mills and other agribusinesses and vendors involved in the grain, feed, fertilizer and farm supply business. The Minnesota Grain and Feed Association was established in 1907 to provide information, education and representation for an emerging country elevator industry, a function that still exists today. The association services, programs and policies are directed by a nine-member board of directors and several committees. The association has grown to become one of the most effective grain elevator and feed mill associations in the upper Midwest.

#### **WHY YOU SHOULD BELONG**

The Minnesota Grain and Feed Association (MGFA), through its development as an effective and reliable organization, holds an important key to the success and survival of your agribusiness and to the progressive development of our industry. On January 1, 2004 MGFA merged with the Northwest Agri Dealers Association, an agribusiness association based in Mankato, Minnesota, possessing a similar mission. Member firms, both past and present, have learned from experience, that they must join together for mutual protection. Members realize that individually, they do not have the time, money, or manpower to interpret the affect of laws and regulations, stay abreast of the constant changes in the industry, develop all the necessary industry contacts and resources in areas affecting their businesses, or, adequately represent themselves. The MGFA, through its pertinent and timely education, information and representation, effectively addresses the issues of the day.

As a member of the MGFA, you have an opportunity to be a part of an organization that is doing things for **YOU**:

- Active Legislative and Regulatory Representation
- Extensive Education and Training
- A Grain Buyer Bond Program
- A Credit Management Program
- A Regulatory Compliance Program
- An Annual Convention and Trade Show
- A Safety & Health Video Library
- Newsletters and Special Reports
- Development of Trade Opportunities
- A User Friendly Website
- Insurance, Property/Casualty, Employee Benefits, Risk Management & Financial Services through Associated Benefits & Risk Consulting
- Payroll / Tax and Retirement Benefit Program through ADP
- Social and Special Events
- Publisher of an Annual Elevator Directory (comp.)
- Publisher of a Semi-Annual Magazine (comp.)
- Industry Contacts
- Opportunities for Growth and Involvement
- Providing Public Relations
- Providing College Scholarships
- Conducting Wage and Benefit Surveys
- An Industry Information Source
- Offering Informal Employment Referral Service

**Won't you please accept this invitation to join one of the most effective grain elevator and feed mill trade associations in the Midwest? Be a part of a commitment to the advancement, protection and development of the common interests shared by the membership.**

**JOIN TODAY - YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID**

## INVESTMENT SCHEDULE

### ARTICLE I – Members

Section 1. *Members.* Any person, corporation or other entity engaged in the grain, feed or farm supply business who or which has been approved by the Board of Directors shall be eligible to be or remain a Member.

Category	*Category Description	Dues Amount
1	Less than 200,000 bushel storage capacity OR less than \$3 million in sales	\$395
2	201,000-500,000 bushel storage capacity OR between \$3-7 million in sales	\$510
3	501,000-1 million bushel storage capacity OR between \$7-12 million in sales	\$590
4	Between 1-2 million bushel storage capacity OR between \$12-15 million in sales	\$680
5	Between 2-3 million bushel storage capacity OR between \$15-\$20 million in sales	\$770
6	Over 3 million bushel storage capacity OR over \$20 million in sales	\$850
7	Non-elevator or feed mill membership	\$495
Sub-Total:		\$

### “Plus” Branch Locations

An additional charge of \$150.00 per grain or feed location should be added to the capacity investment charge listed above.

\$150 X # of branch locations = Sub-Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Membership Investment Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\*Dues based on total sales are intended to be used by members not operating grain storage facilities.

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

*\*Please Type or Print*

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street & PO Box): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Storage Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

The Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 Prohibits tax deductibility for lobbying expenses. We have determined that 3% of your membership investment **is not** deductible as a business expense for tax purposes.

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