



Forest Stewards Guild Lifetime Membership

Members created the Guild and have always been at our core. As we near our 30-year anniversary in 2025, we are launching Lifetime Membership. It's yet another way to express that we are in this together, and for the long term.

Become a Lifetime member of the Guild to:

- Demonstrate commitment to an organization that has stood for forests for 30 years.
- Help ensure the Guild's financial future and support for the next generation of stewards.
- Avoid the hassle of annual renewals (and reduce transaction costs for the Guild).
- Engage as a dedicated professional the Guild can rely on.
- Receive a plaque of recognition.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible for Lifetime Membership at the Guild?
New and renewing Professional and Retired Professional members
2. What does Lifetime Membership cost?
\$1,000
3. What benefits come with Lifetime Membership?
All the benefits of Professional Membership and a plaque of recognition
4. I am a member now. When can I upgrade to Lifetime Membership?
Anytime
5. Is Lifetime Membership its own distinct entity from other current membership types?
No. It is just a different way to pay membership dues. It is the same as Professional or Retired Professional Membership otherwise.
6. Does Lifetime Membership require the Professional member application approval?
Yes. New Lifetime members must apply. However, already-approved Professional and Retired Professional members may upgrade without re-submitting the application.
7. Can an Affiliate member become a Lifetime member?
No. Lifetime Membership is for Professional members and requires an approval process, to which Affiliate members are not obligated.

8. What if a Lifetime member no longer aligns with Guild values over time?
The process is no different than an existing Professional member and you can disassociate anytime.
9. How is Lifetime Membership different from a donation?
Lifetime Membership is a membership term with membership dues. Donations are distinct gifts. For example, a Lifetime Membership will not automatically put you in our group of Stewards Circle donors. Stewards Circle acknowledges donations of \$250+ in addition to membership dues and is updated each year.
10. What if I can't afford \$1,000 all at once for Lifetime Membership?
That's okay! Your annual Professional membership is just as important to the Guild and this community, and we welcome your yearly renewals.
11. Is this a lifetime achievement award? If not, how is it different?
No, this is not an achievement award. An award is freely given to recognize an accomplishment. We are not giving Lifetime memberships; rather members are purchasing them.
12. How are membership dues and donations different for the Guild?
Both dues and donations are essential to the Guild's survival. Without you there would be no Guild. Both dues and donations go to hosting membership events, the *Forest Steward* magazine, research webinars, programs in the field, next generation steward support, and more!
- Every dime donated helps the Guild serve members, advocate for forests, and support communities, so every additional dime means more good work.**

Ready for your Lifetime Membership?

ForestStewardsGuild.org/join

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