



GOLDEN ISLES
ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

We know
real estate
by heart.

Member Application

On behalf of the Golden Isles Association of REALTORS® Board of Directors, we appreciate your interest in becoming a member of our local Association. Our goal is to promote and benefit REALTORS®, our Affiliates, and the public through education, community service, and involvement.

REALTOR® Member Benefits

As a member of the Golden Isles Association of REALTORS®, you gain access to a variety of benefits on a local, state, and national level. When you join our Association, you receive discounts to continuing education courses and Association-sponsored events throughout the year. You also take part in one of the largest networks of real estate professionals in the Golden Isles, not to mention the Association with the one of the most diverse Affiliate communities in the state. Here are just some of the exclusive benefits you will enjoy upon approval of your application:

- NAR RPR – the REALTOR® Property Resource, *presented by the National Association of REALTORS®*
- Tech Helpline, *free technology assistance available to REALTORS®*
- Opportunities to Network
 - REALTOR® Day
 - Affiliate Appreciation Breakfast
 - Membership Lunches & Breakfasts
 - Annual Awards & Circle of Excellence Banquet
- Opportunities for Recognition
 - Circle of Excellence
 - Annual REALTOR® & Affiliate Awards
- Discounts to various participating outlets such as:
 - Georgia Drug Card
 - Aflac
 - UPS
 - T-Mobile
- Scholarships
- Mediation, Grievance, & Arbitration
- Free E-book Library

Committee Involvement

We encourage you to jump right in and join a committee, one that best suits your talents and interests. The Golden Isles Association of REALTORS® boasts a wide array of committees, and we're confident you will find one (or three) of the following committees to call home:

Awards • Community Relations • Education • Green Governmental Affairs • Membership Services Programs • RPAC • Technology • YPN
Visit myGIAR.com to get a committee list and registration form.

Education Opportunities

The Georgia Real Estate Commission requires that you maintain an active license with yearly Continuing Education hours, and as a service to all of our members we provide countless opportunities for in-class education and training led by the best educators around the country, as well as a complete online resource at competitive prices for those interested in a more independent experience. You can find more education information by visiting www.myGIAR.com or by checking our weekly email newsletter, the *myGIAR member ebanner*.

Legislative Advocacy & Political Action

As REALTORS®, it is our duty to stay informed on the political welfare of our industry, and by supporting the REALTOR® Political Action Committee (RPAC), you become a vital pillar to one of the largest and most influential political groups in Georgia and in the country. As an Association, we work to provide you with the most up-to-date and accurate information regarding the State of Real Estate on Capitol Hill. From crucial nationwide flood insurance reform to changes in local land ordinances, we'll keep you in the know and at the cutting edge of *realestatepolitik*.



SECTION I

Joining the Golden Isles Association of REALTORS®

Tell us who you are.

Name _____

Home Address _____

Address #2/Suite # _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Email _____

Personal Website _____

Birthdate ____/____/____ (published in newsletter)

Georgia Real Estate License # _____

What membership type are you applying for?

Primary Secondary MLS Only

Are you a member of another Association or board of REALTORS®?

Yes No

If "Yes," where? _____

If applying as an MLS Only member, please proceed to SECTION II

New Member Orientation

Do I need to attend? As a Primary member of GIAR, you are required to attend New Member Orientation within six (6) months of joining the Association. If you are Secondary member or are transferring from a different Association, having already completed orientation, and can provide proof of completion, you are exempt from attending Orientation. Of course, we strongly encourage all of our incoming members to participate. MLS Only applicants are not required to take New Member Orientation.

When is the next Orientation? Orientation is held each quarter. There is no fee to attend Orientation, but you must register online in a timely manner.

Code of Ethics Training

What is the REALTOR® Code of Ethics? The Code of Ethics represents a special document that spells out the professional responsibilities a REALTOR® owes his or her client and outlines the expectations a client should have when entering into business with a REALTOR®. To view a copy of the NAR® Code of Ethics in its entirety, visit www.REALTOR.org/Code-of-Ethics.

Do I have to attend Code of Ethics Training? Every licensed agent in America that calls his or herself a REALTOR® has completed training for and abides by the guidelines described in the NAR® Code of Ethics. Every approved applicant joins our Association as a provisional member until all the requirements of his or her membership are fulfilled. Code of Ethics training is a vital component to completing your REALTOR® education and orientation.

Have you taken Code of Ethics training? Yes No

If yes, when did you complete it? ____/____/_____

REALTOR® Dues Information

Do I have to pay dues? Each REALTOR® Applicant, as a requirement of membership, must pay annual dues to the local board or Association he/she plans to join.

I am a Primary applicant. Since you do not belong to another board or Association and have not paid REALTOR® dues in the past year, you are required to pay local, state, and national dues to the Golden Isles Association of REALTORS®.

I am a Secondary In-State applicant. Since you pay local, state, and national dues to another board or Association, and that board exists in Georgia, you are only expected to meet the Golden Isles Association of REALTORS® local dues requirement.

I am a Secondary Out-of-State Applicant. As a Primary member of another board or Association that exists outside of Georgia, you must pay local dues, in addition to state dues, as a requirement of membership to the Georgia REALTORS® state association and the Golden Isles Association of REALTORS® local association.



2019 REALTOR® Dues Schedule

Month	Local Dues	GAR Dues	NAR Dues*	Subtotal	RPAC**	App Fee	Total
January	\$258.00	\$98.00	\$185.00	\$541.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$666.00
February	\$236.50	\$89.83	\$175.00	\$501.33	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$626.33
March	\$215.00	\$81.67	\$165.00	\$461.67	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$586.67
April	\$193.50	\$73.50	\$155.00	\$422.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$547.00
May	\$172.00	\$65.33	\$145.00	\$382.33	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$507.33
June	\$150.50	\$57.17	\$135.00	\$342.67	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$467.67
July	\$129.00	\$49.00	\$125.00	\$303.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$428.00
August	\$107.50	\$40.83	\$115.00	\$263.33	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$388.33
September	\$86.00	\$32.67	\$105.00	\$223.67	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$348.67
October	\$64.50	\$24.50	\$95.00	\$184.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$309.00
November	\$43.00	\$16.33	\$85.00	\$144.33	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$269.33
December	\$21.50	\$8.17	\$75.00	\$104.67	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$229.67

*NAR Dues includes \$35 National Image Campaign fee

**RPAC contribution is optional

Please read the following very carefully.

I hereby apply for [Primary] [Secondary In-State] [Sec. Out-of-State] REALTOR® membership in the Golden Isles Association of REALTORS® and agree to provide immediate payment of my dues plus an application fee, which I understand will be returned to me in the event that I am not accepted for membership.

In the event my application is approved, I acknowledge and agree, as a condition of membership to GIAR, that within six (6) months or two consecutive Orientation Courses from the date that this application is submitted I will attend New Member Orientation. I understand that my membership is provisional until all membership requirements have been satisfied. In the event that I fail to attend an Orientation Course in a timely manner, this application and its conditional approval shall expire. An application fee will be required to reapply with the Association.

Additionally, I acknowledge and agree to thoroughly familiarize myself with the Code of Ethics of the National Association of REALTORS®, including the duty to arbitrate business disputes in accordance with the Code of Ethics and Arbitration Manual of the Association and the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations of the above named Association, the State Association and the National Association, and I further agree to complete, satisfactorily, a reasonable and nondiscriminatory written examination covering such Code, Constitutions, Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations, and duty to arbitrate, all as from time to time amended.

Finally, I consent and authorize the Association, through its Membership Committee or otherwise, to invite and receive information and comment about me from any Member or other person, and I agree that any information and comment furnished to the Association by any

Member or other person in response to any such invitation shall be conclusively deemed to be privileged and not form the basis of any action by me for slander, libel, or defamation of character.

NOTE: Applicant acknowledges that if accepted as a Member and he/she subsequently resigns or is expelled from membership in the Association with an ethics complaint or arbitration request pending, the Board of Directors may condition renewal of membership upon applicant's verification that he/she will submit to the pending ethics or arbitration proceeding and will abide by the decision of the Hearing Panel; or if applicant resigns or is expelled from membership without having complied with an award in arbitration, the Board of Directors may condition renewal of membership upon his/her payment of the award, plus any costs that have been established previously as due and payable in relation thereto, provided that the award and such costs have not, in the interim, been otherwise satisfied. Dues payments to GIAR are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. Portions of such payments may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses. I agree that, if accepted for Membership in the Association, I shall pay the fees and dues as from time to time established.

Applicant Signature

_____ Date ___/___/___

Broker Signature

_____ Date ___/___/___

This completes SECTION I of the application. Please proceed to SECTION II to apply to the Golden Isles MLS.



SECTION II

Joining the Golden Isles Multiple Listing Service, Inc.

Where are you hanging your license?

Company _____

Company Address _____

Address #2/Suite # _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Company Phone (____) _____ -- _____

Company Fax (____) _____ -- _____

Company website _____

What is your position at the above firm? *Check all that apply*

Partner Corporate Officer Sales Agent

Office Manager Independent Contractor Other

If "Other," please state your position at the firm

Matrix will be your daily Real Estate resource.

The Golden Isles Multiple Listing Service, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Golden Isles Association of REALTORS®. Our MLS vendor is CoreLogic, Inc., and you'll be accessing their Matrix MLS database when you want to enter listings, check the "hot sheets", schedule open houses, or register for upcoming Association events and continuing education classes. Be sure to check Matrix daily for up-to-date real estate sales figures and to keep informed on relevant industry news and upcoming Association events.

With your Matrix account, you will have a number of resources at your disposal including important links to county tax records and GAR forms and contracts, prospects harvesting and contact organization, and much, much more.

Another important aspect to efficient and successful Matrix use is keeping your contact information and listing information current. As an included feature and subscriber benefit of your Matrix account, your listings and agent information undergo an active, daily syndication to third-party websites like *Zillow, Trulia, or REALTOR.com.*

Choose a password *(minimum 3 characters)*

Your username for your MLS profile will be your National REALTOR® Database System (NRDS) Number, but you can create your own password that we will program for you, so make sure to choose one secure enough that you can easily remember.

Desired password _____

MLS Subscriber Agreement

As an agent hanging his or her license with a Participant broker, you are designated as an MLS subscriber. Please complete the below form and sign and date the below agreement.

Subscriber Name _____

Office Name _____

Office Address _____

I agree, as a condition of participation in the GIMLS, to abide by all relevant bylaws, rules, and other obligations of participation including payment of fees. I confirm that I currently, and will on a continual and ongoing basis in the operation of my real estate business activities, actively endeavor to list real property of the type filed with the MLS and/or accept offers of cooperation and compensation made by other Participants through the MLS. I acknowledge that failure to abide by these conditions of participation on an ongoing basis may result in potential suspension or termination of MLS participatory rights after a hearing in accordance with the MLS's established procedures.

Subscriber (Applicant) Signature

_____ Date ___/___/___

Participant (Broker) Signature

_____ Date ___/___/___

Please return this completed form along with a check for your dues (if applicable) to the office of the Golden Isles Association of REALTORS® & Multiple Listing Service, Inc at 1801 Gloucester Street, Brunswick, GA 31520.