

## ATPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
Arkansas Timber Producers Association  
2311 Biscayne Drive, Suite 206  
Little Rock, AR 72227

## ANNUAL DUES SCHEDULE

Please mark appropriate box and pay dues accordingly

### Regular Member

Any independent timber producer whose principal residence or place of business is in Arkansas. This category of membership includes:

### Independent Logger Contractor

1 to 3 employees..... \$ 150

4 to 10 employees ..... \$ 250

11 or more employees..... \$ 350

**Other**..... \$ 350

This category of membership includes persons, firms, companies, corporations involved in the producing, buying, selling, and trading of timber in the State of Arkansas.

**Associate Member** ..... \$ 350

Individual or firm engaged in the marketing of machinery, supplies or services to the state's timber producing industry; or the processing, manufacture, or distribution of forest products. This category of membership includes equipment dealers, insurance companies/agents, and timber companies and mills.

**Supporting Member** ..... \$ 50

Any individual who supports the purposes and objectives of the association, or any employee of a member. This category of membership includes individuals who support the purpose and objectives of the Association.

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## WHAT WE STAND FOR

You may ask the question, “Why should I join the Arkansas Timber Producers Association (ATPA)?” The simple answer is problems—the same problems that brought loggers together on January 22, 1991, to form a nonprofit trade association to speak with a reasonable voice on behalf of the Arkansas logger and wood producer. Every day loggers are faced with issues and problems that could range from workers’ compensation insurance, to rising fuel costs, timber harvesting constraints, OSHA and other business regulations. Although you may be able to deal with these concerns, sometimes the best way is to work with others who share the same interests and concerns. After all, producing timber is a full-time job. It is hard enough to get timber bought, cut, loaded, and hauled to the yard without the added burden of worrying how to handle these other problems as well. If timber producers want to play a role in shaping their future, they must stay informed and act together when needed. That is what our logging association, the ATPA is all about.

The ATPA has gained the recognition and respect of state lawmakers and agencies, the timber industry and the public. The framework for an effective organization has been developed with the vitality and clout to speak out when needed. However, the strength of any organization depends on its numbers. The ATPA is the primary source of monitoring and providing input for Arkansas’ logging and timber producing industry on legislative issues during sessions of the Arkansas General Assembly. For example, the ATPA was successful in 2013 with the passage of legislation that exempts the purchase of new or used timber harvesting equipment from the state sales tax. The ATPA stands ready to represent loggers’ interests before County Judges, Quorum Courts and their subcommittees when necessary. Additionally, the ATPA works closely with the American Loggers Council in addressing loggers’ issues of concern at the national level.

The ATPA will speak out on behalf of your timber-based business. We make it our business to **protect your business. Remember that your ATPA membership is a professional investment – an investment in the future of your timber industry. JOIN THE ATPA NOW!**

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### LEGISLATIVE

- Successful in the passage of legislation in 1999 that exempted from the state sales tax the first \$50,000 on the purchase of timber harvesting equipment.
- Successful in the passage of legislation in 2013 that exempts the total purchase cost of new and used timber harvesting equipment from the state sales tax.
- Member of the Committee to Save Arkansas Jobs, a business coalition formed to fight labor and trial lawyers’ proposed so-called “Safe Workplace Amendment”, Amendment #6. This coalition was successful in keeping the proposal off the November 1994 ballot. The amendment, if adopted, would have resulted in at least a 100% increase in workers’ compensation insurance rates and a 60,000-80,000 job loss in the State.
- ATPA is the primary source of monitoring and providing input for Arkansas’ logging industry on legislative issues during sessions of

the Arkansas General Assembly. These issues include, but are not limited to such areas as: mandatory forestry Best Management Practices (BMPs); Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) regulations; workers’ compensation insurance, truck weight limits, and general business issues.

- ATPA members are kept informed of legislative activities during legislative sessions.
- The ATPA works closely with the Arkansas Forestry Association (AFA) and major timber company officials in monitoring and providing input on key federal and state legislative issues that affect the timber industry.

### SAFETY & LOGGER EDUCATION & TRAINING

The ATPA is the implementing agency for the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) ARKPRO Logger Training Program providing information and training through the following modules:

- Module 1 - Timber Harvesting and Transportation Safety
- Module 2 - Business Management
- Module 3 - Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Module 4 - Environmental Considerations

The ATPA has received the following awards for the ARKPRO Logger Training Program:

- American Pulpwood Association 1996 Second Place.
- National Outstanding Logger Training & Education Program Award.
- American Pulpwood Association First Place 1998
- National K. S. Ralston Memorial Logger Training & Education Program Award.
- Forest Resources Association Second Place 2000
- National K. S. Ralston Memorial Logger Training & Education Program Award.
- Forest Resources Association Southcentral Region
- Forestry Activist Award for 2009-2010

In addition to the training program mentioned above, the ATPA assists in the coordination of OSHA required First Aid/CPR training and DOT training and Defensive Driving workshops.

### WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE

- Successful in delaying rate increases, saving Arkansas loggers hundreds of thousands of dollars in increased premiums.
- Assisted in the passage of worker’s compensation insurance reform legislation during the 1993 legislative session.
- Certifying agent for Class Code #2719—Mechanized Logging—and its reduced workers’ comp rate.
- ATPA offers workers’ compensation insurance coverage for Association members through the ATPA Wood Producers Insurance Group. Other lines of coverage in the Group include: General Liability, Automobile, Umbrella, Property, Equipment and Bonding. Other Special Coverages include: Accidental Overcut of Timber and Logging/Lumbering Fire & Vehicle Damage.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

- ATPA offers members health insurance coverage through its’ Bravo health insurance plan.

### ACCIDENTAL DEATH & LIFE INSURANCE

- ATPA offers members accidental death/dismemberment and life insurance coverage.

## OTHER AREAS

- ATPA is a charter member of the American Loggers Council (ALC) which was created to provide a national forum by which logging interests can be voiced at the national level. The ALC is comprised of logging associations and logging contractors from around the nation.
- The ATPA sponsors InWoods Expo, a dynamic in the woods expo featuring live equipment demonstrations and static displays.
- The ATPA also sponsors the Southwest Forest Products Expo, an indoor static expo.
- Both expos provide exciting opportunities for loggers, landowners, forestry professionals and the general public to examine the latest in timber harvesting machinery and equipment.
- ATPA’s website, [www.arkloggers.com](http://www.arkloggers.com) provides an excellent tool for members to obtain information about the Association, Expos, and the ARKPRO Logger Training Program. Also available for downloading on the website is a listing of the SFI ARKPRO Logger Training Program modules.

## ATPA COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The ATPA in coordination with the AFA, co-sponsors the Arkansas Children’s Hospital “Log A Load for Kids” fundraising project. Since 1993, this grassroots campaign has raised \$6.85 million for Arkansas Children’s Hospital.

## WE WELCOME YOUR IDEAS ON HOW TO MAKE ATPA BETTER:

1. What problems or issues do you believe loggers face?

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2. Please describe your idea of a logger’s association and what it should do for its members. What do you expect to receive by being an ATPA Member?

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3. What are your ideas on how the ATPA can be effective?

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4. Do you have any suggestions for meeting times, places, subjects? If so, please describe:

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5. Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

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