

# WISCONSIN CONSULTING FORESTERS

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The following are minimum requirements for Candidate for Member status in the Wisconsin Consulting Foresters (WCF). You must meet all these requirements for further consideration as a Candidate for Membership:

1. You must be a graduate of an SAF accredited school of forestry and be actively engaged in forestry consulting, deriving at least 51% of your business income from providing forestry consulting services on a fee or contract basis.
2. You must have at least two years of practical experience in forest management or administration. **NOTE: An applicant may elect to become an Apprentice Member if they meet the educational requirements but lack the two years of practical experience. A WCF Full Member will be assigned as a mentor to the Apprentice Member.**
3. You must not have an economic interest in a timber purchasing or timber procurement entity wherein a potential conflict of interest may exist in serving the public.
4. You must agree to a high standard of professional ethics to practice sound, sustainable forestry on all lands you serve. If a potential client insists on destructive or degrading practices, service to that client shall be declined.
5. If you are a member of a firm and the owner of the firm is not a WCF member, the firm must conform to the WCF code of ethics.
6. You must be sponsored by a least two current WCF Full Members.
7. Candidate Members are voting members but may not use the WCF logo with their name.

The following are requirements to become a Full Member of WCF:

1. You have been a Candidate Member for at least one year but no more than three years.
2. You have at least two years of forestry consulting experience.
3. You can show evidence of at least ten hours of continuing education each year (or 20 hours in two years).
4. You must provide two references, one from a client and one from a professional forester (not one of your sponsors) who is familiar with your work (i.e. another WCF member or a DNR forester).
5. You must be accepted by majority vote at the next scheduled WCF meeting of the full membership.
6. You must have completed required orientation courses as outlined by the Executive Committee. These required courses will count towards the continuing education requirements in Item 3.