

**FLORIDA CAVE SURVEY
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name: _____
NSS Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone No.s: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____
Email address: _____

I wish to apply for membership as a (circle one) **Regular** / **Associate** Member

Briefly describe your activities and contributions to caving, particularly where they pertain to “systematically collecting and maintaining information of all kinds on the caves and karst features of Florida” (FCS Constitution section 2.1):

Recommendation for membership must be from two members in good standing of the FCS or any two members of another NSS internal organization:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Printed Name: _____
NSS Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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Printed Name: _____
NSS Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Approval of a candidate shall be by any two members of the Executive Committee:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Printed Name: _____
NSS Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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INSTRUCTIONS: Read Section 6 of the FCS Constitution (page 3 of this file). Determine whether you want to apply for Regular Membership or Associate Membership. Fill out the top and middle portions of the form (please print clearly, especially your email address). Then find two Regular Members to recommend you for membership and have them fill out the appropriate portions of the form. Then mail the form along with a check or money order to one of the first three officers of the Executive Committee listed below (Chair, Data Director, or Librarian). That officer will sign the application and send it to the Secretary/Treasurer for signing and processing. You will become a member after being approved by two officers. If you are approved as a Regular Member, you will be sent a copy of the FCS Index/Map book and you will receive an email invitation to join the FCS Yahoo Group board.

Associate Members:

- Have access to the FCS website
- Have access to the FCS Yahoo Group board
- May attend the Spring and Autumn Bi-Annual Meetings and be heard
- Undergo a 12-month review for Regular Member status prior to the next bi-annual meeting
- Pay membership fees of \$10.00 annually, due at the Autumn Meeting

Regular Members:

- Have access to the FCS website
- Have access to the FCS Yahoo Group board
- May purchase the FCS Index/Map book
- May purchase FCS Index/Map Updates
- May purchase the Cave Narrative Files
- May purchase special maps as they become available
- Have access to the FCS Library
- May vote on FCS Rule changes and Officers
- Are eligible to run for FCS Offices after being a Regular Member a minimum of 6 months
- Pay membership fees of \$10.00 annually, due at the Autumn Meeting

Current officers of the Executive Committee of the Florida Cave Survey:

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6. Membership (from FCS Constitution)
 - 6.1 All members must be active NSS members in good standing.
 - 6.2 Florida Cave Survey membership shall consist of two levels: Associate membership and Regular membership.
 - 6.3 Prospective Associate members of the FCS must meet all of the following qualifications:
 - 6.3.1 Candidate must cave to a significant degree in Florida or have contributed substantially to the knowledge of Florida caves.
 - 6.3.2 Candidate must be recommended and approved with regard to his responsible (caving) conduct and his awareness and practice of proper cave conservation procedures.
 - 6.3.2.1 Recommendation shall be by any two members in good standing of the FCS or any two members of another NSS internal organization.
 - 6.3.2.2 Approval of a candidate for an Associate membership shall be by any two members of the Executive Committee, who will indicate their approval of the candidate by signing the candidate's membership application.
 - 6.3.3 Pay currently required dues, as set by the membership. Dues are payable at the annual Autumn Meeting of the FCS.
 - 6.3.4 After a period of one year from approval of Associate membership, the Associate may apply to the FCS Executive Committee for Regular membership to the Florida Cave Survey.
 - 6.4 Approval of a candidate Associate member for Regular membership shall be by any two members of the Executive Committee, who will indicate their approval of the candidate by signing the candidate's membership application.
 - 6.5 Associate and Regular membership is subject to the approval of the Executive Committee which may establish additional qualifications to those listed above.
 - 6.6 Founding Members are those attendees of the FCS organizational meetings that occurred prior to official establishment of the FCS and were also approved for inclusion by the Executive Committee.
 - 6.7 Experienced cavers that have made significant contributions to FCS goals and databases may be approved by the Executive Committee as Regular Members without the Associate Membership prerequisite.
 - 6.8 Membership is restricted to individuals. The Executive Committee shall consider the appeal of outside groups in extraordinary circumstances.
 - 6.9 Only Regular members may vote in FCS elections or other FCS matters.
 - 6.10 An individual's membership may be terminated for the following reasons, subject to three quarters vote of the Executive Committee:
 - 6.10.1 Non-payment of dues. Members more than six months in arrears on dues payments must reapply for membership; members may be dropped routinely from the FCS by the Secretary-Treasurer for non-payment of dues.
 - 6.10.2 Expulsion for misuse of FCS cave files; i.e., dissemination of FCS files in a manner contrary to the guidelines discussed in Section 7.
 - 6.10.3 Expulsion for conduct detrimental to the FCS or in violation of the NSS policy on cave conservation.
 - 6.11 Each member subject to expulsion may demand, and receive, a personal hearing before the Executive Committee.