

Application for Membership in the Emporia Board of REALTORS®

Name _____

(Applicant's Name)

I hereby apply for REALTOR® (primary, secondary, or designated) membership in the above named board, and enclose my check in the amount of \$ _____, which I understand will be returned to me in the event I am not accepted to membership.

In the event my application is approved, I agree as a condition to membership to complete the indoctrination course of the Emporia Board of REALTORS®, and on my own initiative 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 board and the constitution, bylaws, and rules and regulations of the Emporia Board of REALTORS®, the state association and the national association. I further agree to complete satisfactorily a reasonable and nondiscriminatory written examination covering such Code, constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations, and duty to arbitrate. I further agree that my act of paying dues shall evidence my initial and continuing commitment to abide by the aforementioned Code of Ethics, constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations, and duty to arbitrate, all as from time to time amended. Finally, I consent and authorize the board, 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 board 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.

I acknowledge that the board will maintain a membership file of information which may be shared with other boards and associations where I may subsequently seek membership. This file shall include: previous applications for membership; all final findings of Code of Ethics violations and violations of other membership duties within the past three (3) years; pending complaints alleging violations of the Code of Ethics or alleging violations of other membership duties; incomplete or pending disciplinary measures; pending arbitration requests; and information related to unpaid arbitration awards or unpaid financial obligations to the board or its MLS.

I acknowledge that if accepted as a member and I subsequently resign from the board or otherwise cause my membership to terminate with an ethics complaint pending, the Board of Directors may condition renewal of membership upon my certification that I will submit to the pending ethics proceeding and will abide by the decision of the hearing panel. If I resign or otherwise cause my membership to terminate, the duty to submit to arbitration continues in effect even after my membership lapses or is terminated, provided the dispute arose while I was a REALTOR®.

I acknowledge that if I or any real estate firm in which I am a sole proprietor, general partner, or corporate officer is involved in any pending bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings or has been adjudged bankrupt in the past three (3) years, the board may require, as a condition of membership, that I pay cash in advance for board and MLS fees for up to one (1) year from the date I have been discharged from bankruptcy.

I hereby submit the attached Realtor® Membership Transmittal Form for your consideration. I agree that, if accepted for membership in the board, I will pay the fees and dues as from time to time established. Dues payments to the board are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. Portions of such payments may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(Applicant's usual form of signature)