



Minnesota Association of Professional Soil Scientists (MAPSS)

Application for Membership (not for renewals)

Name and Job Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Check if you DO NOT want your information included on the MAPSS website (www.mnsoilscientist.org)? _____

Do you want a link to your website added to our website (MAPSS does not endorse any businesses)? Yes No

Do you want to receive the newsletter (the Auger) and announcements via e-mail? Yes No (add \$5.00)

Are you a Licensed Professional Soil Scientist in Minnesota? Yes (license # _____) No

Annual Membership Dues – **Your first (initial) year is FREE!**

Full membership	\$40.00	The Auger newsletter will be sent to you via e-mail. If you choose to receive paper copies of the Auger, pay \$5.00 now (this is not free).
Associate membership	\$25.00	
Student membership	\$10.00	
		Total \$ _____

Please make your check payable to MAPSS and mail to:

Mr. James Balogh, c/o Spectrum Research, Inc., 4915 E. Superior St., Suite 100, Duluth, MN 55804-2507

UNLICENSED FULL MEMBER APPLICANTS PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING – Use additional pages if necessary.

Education: (Full members must have at least a four year degree and at least 15 semester or 22.5 quarter credits in soil science.)

Degree	Major	School	Soil Credits (Sem/Qtr)	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Work Experience: Post Degree (Full members must have at least four years as a practicing professional soil scientist.)

Job Title	Employer	Duties	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____	_____ to _____

Both full and associate members are expected to conform to the MAPSS Code of Ethics printed on the back of this page. Please keep a copy of the Code of Ethics for your reference.

I hereby certify that all information submitted in support of this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I have read and fully subscribe to the MAPSS Code of ethics.

Signed: _____ Date _____

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS: CODE OF ETHICS

ARTICLE 8 (From the MAPSS Constitution)

Code of Ethics

Section 8.1 **General Principles**

- (1) The privilege of professional practice imposes obligations of morality and responsibility as well as professional knowledge.
- (2) Each Professional Soil Scientist member agrees to be guided by the highest standards of ethics, personal honor and professional conduct.

Section 8.2 **Relation of Professional to the Public**

- (1) A member shall avoid and discourage sensational, exaggerated, and/or unwarranted statements that might induce participation in unsound enterprises.
- (2) A member shall not knowingly permit the publication of their reports or other documents for any unsound or illegitimate undertaking.
- (3) A member shall not give a professional opinion or make a recommendation without being as thoroughly informed as might reasonable be expected considering the purposes for which the opinion or recommendation is desired; and the degree of completeness of information upon which any opinion or recommendation is based shall be made clear.
- (4) A member may publish dignified business, professional or announcement cards, but shall not advertise their work or accomplishments in a self-laudatory, exaggerated, or unduly conspicuous manner.
- (5) A member shall not issue false statements or false information even though directed to do so by employer or client.

Section 8.3 **Relation of Professional to Employer and Client**

- (1) A member shall protect, to the fullest extent possible, the interest of their employer or client insofar as such interest is consistent with the law and their professional obligations and ethics.
- (2) A member who finds that their obligations to their employer or client conflict with their professional obligation or ethics should either have such objectionable conditions corrected or resign.
- (3) A member shall not use, directly or indirectly, any employer or client's information in any way, which would violate the confidence of the employer or client.
- (4) A member retained by one client shall not accept without client's written consent, an engagement by another if the interests of the two are conflicting in any manner.
- (5) A member who has made an investigation for any employer or client shall not seek to profit economically from the information gained, unless written permission to do so is granted, or until it is clear that there can no longer be a conflict of interest with the original employer or client.
- (6) A member shall not divulge information given to them in confidence.
- (7) A member shall engage, or advise their employer or client to engage, and cooperate with other experts and specialists whenever the employer or client's interests would be best served by such service.
- (8) A member protects the interests of a client by recommending only products and services that are in the best interest of the client and the public.
- (9) A member protects their credibility by disclosing to clients how they will be compensated for providing products, services or recommendations to the client.

Section 8.4 **Relation of Professionals to Each Other**

- (1) A member shall not falsely or maliciously attempt to injure the reputation of another.
- (2) A member shall give credit freely for work done by others to whom the credit is due, shall refrain from plagiarism in oral and written communications and will not knowingly accept credit rightfully due another person.
- (3) A member shall not use the advantages of public employment (i.e. university or government) to compete unfairly with another member of their profession.
- (4) A member shall endeavor to cooperate with others in the profession and encourage the ethical dissemination of technical knowledge.
- (5) A member having knowledge of unethical practices of another member shall avoid association with that member in professional work.

Section 8.5 **Duty to the Profession**

- (1) A member shall aid in exclusion from membership those who lack moral character, who have not followed this Code of Ethics, or who do not have the required education and experience.
- (2) A member shall uphold the Code of Ethics by precept and example and encourage by counsel and advise other members to do the same.
- (3) A member having positive knowledge of deviation from this Code by another member shall bring such deviation to the attention of the Executive Committee.