



# Professional Membership Application Environmental Science and Policy Graduate Student Association



**Please read–By signing this form you agree to comply with the following:**

1. I understand that to be eligible for the ESP GSA Professional Membership Award, I must have paid my membership dues, and be in good standing with the organization.
2. I understand that preference for funding will be given to students who are active in the GSA (e.g. have attended one or more GSA events in the past year).
3. I understand that preference for funding will also be given to students who are applying to a grant with the membership organization in the current year, and who are using their own money to register for more than one year of membership with the organization.
4. I understand that if I am awarded funding, the award will not exceed the total cost of one year of membership or a maximum of \$40. If I am registering for only one year of membership, the award amount will not exceed the cost of one year of membership.
5. I understand that I cannot apply for a Professional Membership Award if I am a current member of the membership organization. However, if your membership is expiring in the current year, you may apply for a Professional Membership Award to renew your membership.
6. I understand that I am NOT guaranteed funds, as funds are extremely limited. My application will be reviewed by an impartial panel consisting of: GSA board members, and the GSA faculty advisor. I understand that any funding awarded may range from the full amount possible to partial funding depending on the cost of one year of membership.
7. I understand that if my application is funded by ESP GSA, I will manage the reimbursement process (submitting receipts, paperwork, etc.) in a timely manner or else funding will not be provided.
8. I understand that I am only eligible for ONE Professional Membership Award per year and that there is preference for new applicants.
9. I certify that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I have attached all the required documentation. I understand that failing to provide the required documentation will render my application void.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

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Signature of Advisor

Date

*Application updated 09/2023*

**I. Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ G#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: ESP  MMB  Other

Degree Sought: MS  PhD  Non-degree

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**II. Application Requirements:**

Are you a current GMU student? YES  NO

Have you already paid ESP GSA dues this semester? YES  NO

Are you currently not a member of the membership organization or is your membership expiring in the current year? YES  NO

**\*\*If you do not meet the above 3 requirements, please consider re-applying in a future semester after having met the requirements\*\***

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**III. Membership Information:**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level: International  National  State/Local

What is the duration of the membership you're applying for? One year  multi-year

Is membership a requirement to apply for the organization's grants? YES  NO

Will you be applying for a grant from the organization this year? YES  NO

Are you a member of any other professional organizations? If yes, which ones?

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**IV. Membership Cost:**

Cost of a student membership for one year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reduced total cost for registering for more than one year (if applicable\*):

Years: Two  Three  Four  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you are not planning on registering for more than one year, which organizations often offer at a reduced cost than registering for only one year at a time, do not fill out line 2. If you are planning on registering for more than one year, please note that ESP-GSA will only cover a maximum of \$40 and you are responsible for covering the difference between \$40 and the registration price for multiple years.

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**V. Statement of Purpose: 200 word statement about why membership to this organization is important to the student's academic progress.**



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**VI. Supporting documentation. The following must be submitted along with the application:**

1. Screenshot of membership pricing matching what is stated in Section III.
2. If you are renewing an expiring membership, please submit a screenshot that indicates that your membership is expiring and needs to be renewed (e.g., email, membership portal, etc.)