

ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

APPRAISERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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ABOUT THE APPRAISERS ASSOCIATION

The Appraisers Association of America, established in 1949, is the premier national association of personal property appraisers who focus on fine and decorative arts. With a membership of over 700 independent appraisers in 100 different areas of specialization, the Appraisers Association's roster of well-established professionals has the widest range of experience and expertise in their respective fields. Many members are either former curators at major museums or heads of departments at auction houses; several are specialists on popular television programs like *Antiques Roadshow* and other shows devoted to antiques, and contributors to art and antiques publications. The Appraisers Association, which is associated with the highest level of professionalism, is a dynamic association that is simply unmatched in the field of personal property valuation. Appraiser Association appraisers work with private and corporate art collections as well as partner with collectors, attorneys, accountants, museums, educational institutions, trusts, brokers and insurance carriers to reflect the highest industry standards. All of our members are required to be certified according to the highest professional standards, known in the field as USPAP (Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice). Seasoned professionals, members serve public and private collectors alike to deliver independent, ethical, and objective valuations for insurance, estate tax, charitable donation, equitable distribution, and liquidation purposes.

SERVING THE PUBLIC

Appraisers serve the public by providing fair, objective and disinterested information based on the facts of valuation methodology. Many of our professionals serve on boards of not-for-profits, including museums, public art research programs, academic organizations and art collecting groups. They also volunteer for "what's it worth" local events and lecture to professional and community organizations and college students. Furthermore, the Appraisers Association and its members actively promote high standards of the field by offering public programs, lectures at major institutions and corporations, and private education through partnerships with tax attorneys, insurance professionals, banks and others requiring specialized information. In addition, to better assist collectors and professionals, our website features educational information about appraisal standards. Each of our members is listed in our database, along with their respective fields of specialization and contact information.

CODE OF ETHICS

All Members of the Association are required to adhere to a strict "Code of Ethics" which ensures unparalleled standards of ethics, conduct and professionalism, serving the public interest as follows:

- Provide independent valuation outside of third party influences
- Retain no outside interest in the subject property other than an accurate and professional value
- Contract for appraisal work only within the reason of his/her professional expertise
- Reach objective valuation conclusions by considering all factors in appraisal standards
- Use the highest standards of connoisseurship in examining and documenting property
- Professional remuneration is independent of the value of the subject property

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Educational programming is offered through the Appraisal Institute of America, the educational foundation of the Appraisers Association of America. Its mission is to provide, advance and promote educational programs and accessibility to information pertaining to appraisals for the general public and for new and established appraisers. The Institute has three strands of educational programming:

- **Training of new appraisers:** Comprehensive Appraisal Studies Program (CASP), a prescribed course of study for those interested in becoming appraisers;
- **Candidate Courses:** theory and methodology courses for appraisers applying for membership;
- **Programs for members and the general public:** concentrated programs on connoisseurship, legal and ethical issues presented in half, full and/or on multiple days. Programs include: Monday night lecture series, Art Law Day, National Conference, Ask the Experts and our many study days.





CATEGORIES & RATES

AFFILIATES

AssociatePSSPcTb:

New appraisers who have completed the Comprehensive Appraisal Studies Program (or, "CASP") with the Appraisers Association of America. CASP includes a 15-hour USPAP Course and Exam and other appraisal-oriented coursework. Associate Candidacy is available for a period of three years following completion of the CASP, at which time Associates Candidates are encouraged to apply to advance to Candidacy for Accredited Membership.

CASP Student Affiliates:

Current CASP students have access to free registration to our Monday evening lecture series at the National Arts Club on Grammercy Park and reduced registration for our other programs and events.

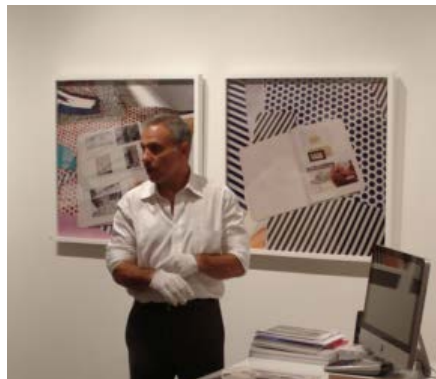
Friend Affiliates:

Friend Affiliates are engaged in appraisal-adjacent professions, such as in the financial sector, or the insurance, conservation, legal, and other related industries. Practicing or aspiring appraisers are not eligible to become Friend Affiliates.

DUES FOR AFFILIATE CATEGORIES

Dues are paid annually according to our fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

Associate Candidates.....	\$250
CASP Student Affiliates.....	(included in tuition)
Friend Affiliates.....	\$95





HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

CERTIFIED MEMBERSHIP

- Qualifying Experience (10 years minimum of direct marketplace and appraisal writing experience)
- Application
 - Resume or CV listing qualifying experience
 - Educational background
 - Three professional references
 - Area of Specialization
 - Application Fee (\$275, non-refundable)
- Qualifying Education (120 hours minimum)
 - Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), Personal Property – 15 hours
 - Theory and Methodology Course and Exam – 10 hours
 - Appraisal Writing Workshop – 10 hours class time and 5 hours to submit an assignment
 - Submission of 3 appraisals reports: Donation, Insurance and an Estate appraisal – 40 hours
 - Specialization Exam – 40 hours (study and actual exam time)
- Membership Comment
 - Name published twice in the Pending Applications List; full membership invited to comment
- Admissions Committee Review (meetings held quarterly in June, October, January and April)

ACCREDITED MEMBERSHIP

- Qualifying Experience (5 years minimum of direct marketplace and appraisal writing experience)
- Application
 - Resume or CV listing qualifying experience
 - Educational background
 - Three professional references
 - Area of Specialization
 - Application fee (\$275, non-refundable)
- Qualifying Education (120 hours minimum)
 - Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), Personal Property – 15 hours
 - Theory and Methodology Course and Exam – 10 hours
 - Research Methods for Appraisers – 10 hours
 - Appraisal Writing Workshop – 10 hours class time and 5 hours to submit an assignment
 - Legal, Ethical and the IRS – 15 hours
 - Submission of 3 appraisal reports: Donation, Insurance and an Estate appraisal – 55 hours
- Membership Comment Name published twice in the Pending Applications List, full membership invited to comment
- Admissions Committee Review (meetings held quarterly in June, October, January and April)

Applicants apply in ONE area of specialization at a time. Additional areas can be added once your initial application is accepted. Accredited Members may apply to advance to Certified once they have met the minimum of 10 years of direct market-place and appraisal writing experience requirement.

The entire process can take as little as five months or up to two years. Please note that once you initiate the application process, your candidacy will last two years. All coursework and application materials must be completed within these two years. Templates for report submission will be provided once your candidacy begins. Candidates for Membership are not yet considered Members, and are not permitted to advertise themselves as such.

MEMBERSHIP

Begin the process of membership today!

As a first step, please complete the brief screening application on the Membership page of our website. This will include uploading a current resume or CV so we can review your professional qualifications. This will help us determine the best track towards membership based on your experience. Once received, we will follow up with you regarding next steps within 5-10 business days. The remainder of the application process includes online courses and a review of sample appraisals.

Contact us at 212.889.5404 x13 or email membership@appraisersassociation.org to get started.

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Visit our new website!
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