



# GEORGIA MOTORCOACH OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

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## APPLICATION FOR TOUR OPERATOR

Please complete information in type or print. Forward the application along with a check in the amount of \$250 made payable to GMOA, the signed Code of Ethics, two letters of recommendation from current members, a copy of business license and your company Federal ID Number or Social Security Number. Mail to the above address.

*We/I hereby apply for active Tour Operator Membership in the Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association. By signature I certify that I am engaged in packaging tours requiring charter services of operator members of GMOA, but do not own or operate motorcoaches.*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

800#: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal ID or SSN#: \_\_\_\_\_

Web: \_\_\_\_\_ Date business was started: \_\_\_\_\_

The **key representative** will be published in the directory, on the website, and receive communications by mail or email from the Association. Additional contacts may be added to receive association communication with the option of being published in the directory and on the website, as selected below.

<b>Key Representative:</b>
Name: _____
Title: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ Ext: _____

<b>Additional Contact:</b>
Name: _____
Title: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ Ext: _____

Publish (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Communications (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

### Information for Payment by Credit Card

Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$250

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant Representative)

### Requirements for membership:

1. Completed Application
2. Payment in the Amount of \$250 (Check or Credit Card)
3. Two Letters of Recommendation from Current Members
4. Signed Code of Ethics
5. Copy of Business License
6. Federal ID # or Social Security #
7. Affirmative Vote by the GMOA Board of Directors

GMOA FEDERAL I.D. NUMBER: 26-0033159

Recruited by: \_\_\_\_\_



## Code of Ethics Tour Operator Members

This code of ethics for the members of the Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association has been adopted to promote and maintain the highest standards of personal conduct among its members.

We, the members of the Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association, in carrying out our roles of providing service to the traveling public recognize the need to do so in a professional manner and to deal with the public and our colleagues with the highest degree of integrity. Therefore, we herewith set forth the following creed which shall govern our endeavors to fulfill our obligations:

To adhere to the professional standards of the Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association and to work to further its goals and objectives.

To conduct all business affairs with integrity, sincerity and accuracy in an open and forthright manner.

To act with integrity in financial dealings with the public and with entities utilized to help arrange or provide services and accommodations to motorcoach travelers.

To work to instill consumer and public confidence in the industry, avoiding any action conducive to discrediting it or membership in the Association.

To maintain on a current status license and state registration.

To adhere and comply with all articles of the bylaws of the Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association.

I have read and agree to adhere to this Code of Ethics.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

This *Code of Ethics* must have the following documents attached when submitted:

Completed application.

Check for the appropriate amount of membership dues.

Two letters of recommendation from current members.

Company Federal Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number.

Copy of business license.

# LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Board of Directors, Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Member, GMOA

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for membership in Georgia  
(Applicant)  
Motorcoach Operators Association.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner/Operator)

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

### **Experience**

GMOA membership brings you closer to building good business relationships with some of the industry's most experienced motorcoach travel and tourism people.

### **Networking**

GMOA offers opportunities for developing strong business relationships through networking at GMOA events and communications through the newsletter and website.

### **Professional Ethics**

Every member must sign the GMOA Code of Ethics, which says that GMOA members aspire to highest professional standards in the industry treating customers and other members with honesty, integrity, and accuracy; that they will conduct business in such a manner as to promote the industry; and that they will maintain current status for all license, permits, and operating authority required by federal, state, and local government agencies applicable to the industry. Members have the right to display the GMOA logo on company business forms, communications, and advertisements.

### **Quarterly Newsletter**

Operator members and associate (vendor) members stay current with GMOA's quarterly newsletter featuring the latest regulatory news, briefs on important legislative developments, coach industry news, and informative travel and tourism information.

### **Annual Membership Directory**

This detailed, GMOA membership directory is a tour/charter/equipment/service resource that includes operator members and members representing all aspects of the travel and tourism industry. The directory is an excellent resource for valuable contacts in the motorcoach industry.

### **Website Link**

Every GMOA member has a web link on the GMOA website making our members easy to find and a valuable resource for the computer savvy customer to find our members. In addition, it creates easy access for communication among members.

### **Annual Meeting and Market Place**

A great opportunity in the motorcoach group travel industry, the Annual Meeting and Market Place brings operator buyers and travel industry sellers from all over the United States together for one-on-one tour itinerary planning. The multi-day event also features business training and professional development seminars.

### **Other State Associations**

GMOA maintains a relationship with other state motorcoach associations and tourism entities through meetings and regular communications to stay up-to-date on issues affecting members.

### **Professional Association Management Team**

GMOA's professional association management team has over fifty years of combined experience in the motorcoach industry. The management team has built a strong relationship with both United Motorcoach Association and American Bus Association over the past fifteen years to create an extension of the team to assist you in your business growth based on industry research, up-to-date communications, and reports of congressional activity and federal motor carrier regulations.

### **Promoting safety among operators in the industry**

GMOA is not a "policing" organization; however, members of GMOA are expected by voluntary signature on the GMOA Code of Ethics to comply with industry rules and regulations by state and federal agencies. GMOA members have opportunities to attend seminars by knowledgeable industry leaders.

### **Training and education for members on issues that impact our industry**

GMOA provides educational opportunities through operator meetings and Annual Meeting and Market Places.

### **Networking to build business relationships**

GMOA provides members the opportunity for networking with other operators and coach specific providers at annual operator meetings, and at the Annual Meeting and Market Place operators have the opportunity to network with fellow operator members and associate members representing attractions, hotels, theaters, destinations, restaurants, coach specific vendors, as well as tour operators and tour receptives.

### **Promoting public awareness of the motorcoach industry**

GMOA works cooperatively with other industry organizations such as American Bus Association, United Motorcoach Association, and the Motorcoach Council to promote motorcoach travel nationwide.

### **Creating unity for common goals**

GMOA's Board of Directors and staff believe there is strength in numbers. A task one member may find difficult to address alone, all members working together through the Association may accomplish. Whether the issue is local, state or federal in nature, there is strength in one voice speaking for many.

### **Promoting cooperation among operators and associates**

GMOA promotes the idea of members working with members, which is one of the greatest benefits of association membership. The industry is all about relationships and GMOA provides several forums for networking to build relationships, which promotes cooperation among its members.

### **Advocating legislation that positively impacts the motorcoach industry**

GMOA's Board of Directors promote legislation to enhance the motorcoach industry in Georgia. GMOA sponsors an annual legislative breakfast at the Capitol to promote its state legislative issues. GMOA also invites key personnel from American Bus Association and United Motorcoach Association to annual meetings and operator meetings to keep members abreast of national legislation that affects the motorcoach industry. GMOA routinely communicates information throughout the year to its members to keep them informed of legislative action needed, such as writing letters to state legislators or Congressmen to support or oppose legislation that impacts the motorcoach industry.