

River Management Society Membership FAQ

What is the River Management Society (RMS)?

RMS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the professionals who study, protect, and manage North America's rivers. Our members include recreation planners, river managers, conservation leaders, scientists, river rangers, educators, advocates, and students. RMS members participate in regional and national events (online and in person), contribute to a growing body of resources, and collaborate to improve outcomes in river conservation and recreation.

Who should become a member?

Anyone who studies, manages, or protects rivers! Our members include:

- Federal, State and Local river managers
- Scientists and researchers specializing in hydrology, GIS, fluvial geomorphology, aquatic ecology, biology, and more
- Environmental science and outdoor recreation educators
- Students and early-career professionals
- Recreation professionals, outfitters, and guides
- Planners and engineers
- Advocates and policymakers

What are the benefits of RMS membership?

Membership connects you to:

- A nationwide network of river professionals
- Biweekly news, jobs, and grant opportunities
- The quarterly RMS Journal (digital or print)
- Member-only resources and forums
- Discounted access to river trips, trainings, and the biennial RMS Symposium
- Leadership and public speaking opportunities
- Certification and training options

How do I join?

Joining is easy! Just scan the QR code to the right or visit <https://www.river-management.org/join> and complete the form.



Which topics might I learn more about as a member?

In our workshops, online forums, webinars, resources, and river trips, we cover topics like:

- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- River restoration and bank stabilization
- Hydropower licensing and management
- River-related careers
- River access design
- Workplace culture
- Visitor use management
- Nonprofit Stewardship
- Water Trails

How much does membership cost?

We offer several membership levels for individuals and groups. Current rates and benefits can be found here: <https://www.river-management.org/membership>

- Professional: \$60 annually
- Organization: \$75 for 1-2 people, \$150 for 3-4 people, \$300 for 5-8 people
- Student: \$30 annually
- Associate: \$40 annually (retirees and friends)
- Lifetime: \$750

Can I get involved beyond just joining?

Absolutely! Members can:

- Participate with regional chapters and their events
- Serve on RMS committees or the Board
- Contribute articles to the RMS Journal
- Nominate peers (or be nominated!) for RMS Awards
- Help plan workshops, trainings, or river trips

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Email rms@river-management.org, and we'll be happy to help!

