

# REALTOR® APPLICATION

( LICENSED INDIVIDUALS )

As a REALTOR® member of the Pickens County Board of REALTORS®, you are entitled to a number of great services, discounts and benefits offered at the local, state and national levels. Throughout the year, there are several events, programs and committees in which you may participate.

Your membership in the Pickens County Board of REALTORS® is an investment in your career and your profession. Please be sure to take full advantage of all the Board's benefits and to capitalize on the investment in yourself as a member of the Pickens County Board of REALTORS®.

## COMMUNICATION

Know your industry and empower your marketing through:

- Listserv – e-mail service to communicate fast and effectively with the entire PCBR membership through one e-mail address. For example, an open house announcement.
- Member Rosters
- PCBR - [www.pickensrealtors.com](http://www.pickensrealtors.com)
- PCBR Email Updates
- Georgia REALTOR® Magazine
- GAR Website - [www.garealtor.com](http://www.garealtor.com)
- NAR REALTOR® Magazine
- NAR Website – [www.nar.realtor](http://www.nar.realtor)

## COST SAVINGS

Your membership can translate into over a thousand dollars' worth of savings as you will have access to:

- Arbitration & Mediation Services
- Georgia Association of REALTORS® Contracts
- Free Legal Helpline
- Auto, Dental, Errors & Omissions, Health, and Vision Insurance
- REALTORS® Federal Credit Union

For more information, visit:  
[www.pickensrealtors.com/benefits](http://www.pickensrealtors.com/benefits).

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Pickens County Board of REALTORS® has a long-standing history of supporting the local community. Each year, the Pickens County Board of REALTORS® participates in several activities and charitable events.

## EDUCATION

Membership provides you with twelve (12) hours of FREE Continuing Education classes each year.

Additionally, through the Georgia Association of REALTORS® Partners in Education Program, you'll have access to many of the leading designations in the country. Among them are the coveted: GRI - Graduate REALTOR® Institute; CRS - Certified Residential Specialist; and, ABR - Accredited Buyer Representative. By achieving REALTOR® designations, a commitment to excellence is noted by other REALTORS® and the public.

## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Membership in the Pickens County Board of REALTORS® makes you part of one of the most powerful and influential grassroots lobbying efforts in the country. Monthly governmental updates keep you abreast of the latest local, state and federal real estate issues affecting the industry. We encourage all members to become involved and support RPAC - REALTORS® Political Action Committee, at [www.pickensrealtors.com/rpac](http://www.pickensrealtors.com/rpac)

## NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Realizing that networking is a vital part of a successful career in real estate, PCBR provides numerous opportunities for the entire real estate industry to come together, including several annual events.

## EVENTS INCLUDE

- Monthly Luncheons held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Chattahoochee Technical College
- Annual Charity Golf Tournament
- Circle of Excellence Luncheon

## RECOGNITION

- Your name and contact information is available through our online membership directory at [www.pickensrealtors.com](http://www.pickensrealtors.com)
- Many awards are presented at the annual Circle of Excellence Luncheon.

**At the Pickens County Board of REALTORS® it is all about you!**  
Join a committee, attend the events and get involved!

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# Pickens County Board of REALTORS® - REALTOR® APPLICATION

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. A completed membership application submitted to the Board.
2. Membership fees must be paid.
3. Completion of a qualified New Member Code of Ethics course within 6 months of submitting your application to the Board. For more information, please visit [www.pickensrealtors.com/orientation](http://www.pickensrealtors.com/orientation).

**Note to Designated REALTORS®** - Fees must also be paid per licensed agent within the company. Paying fees on agents within an office does not automatically qualify them for membership; each agent must complete an application and fulfill all necessary requirements.

## PCBR DESIGNATED REALTOR® / REALTOR® FEE INFORMATION

Annual membership dues for the Designated REALTOR® are calculated at \$435. Each licensed agent within the Designated REALTORS® office will also pay \$435 in order to become a REALTOR® member of the Board. All agents applying to the Board must pay dues, fill out an application and complete all new member training requirements before being approved for full membership.

The portion of dues paid that is spent to lobby the State and Federal governments is not deductible for income tax purposes. GAR has estimated that \$10.14 (10.34%) is the nondeductible portion of the 2018 GAR dues. NAR has estimated the nondeductible portion of its 2018 dues to be \$52.00 (or 43%). The entire \$35.00 NAR Public Advocacy Campaign Assessment qualifies as deductible dues.

**DESIGNATED REALTOR®** - Defined as the Principal, Partner, Corporate Officer, Trustee, or Branch Manager of a Real Estate firm. There is only one Designated REALTOR® per company. The Designated REALTOR® is responsible for paying fees for all licensed agents within his or her organization.

**REALTOR®** - Defined as any agent within the office of a Designated REALTOR® that holds an active real estate license who becomes a member of the Board.

## PCBR DESIGNATED REALTOR® / REALTOR® FEES

Prorated Monthly • Jan. 1 - Dec. 31 • Fees are subject to change each subsequent year.

	Local Dues	State Dues	NAR Dues	TOTAL
<b>January</b>	\$182.00	\$98.00	\$155.00	\$435.00
<b>February</b>	\$167.00	\$90.00	\$145.00	\$402.00
<b>March</b>	\$152.00	\$82.00	\$135.00	\$369.00
<b>April</b>	\$137.00	\$74.00	\$125.00	\$336.00
<b>May</b>	\$122.00	\$66.00	\$115.00	\$303.00
<b>June</b>	\$107.00	\$58.00	\$105.00	\$270.00
<b>July</b>	\$ 91.00	\$49.00	\$ 95.00	\$235.00
<b>August</b>	\$ 76.00	\$41.00	\$ 85.00	\$202.00
<b>September</b>	\$ 61.00	\$33.00	\$ 75.00	\$169.00
<b>October</b>	\$ 46.00	\$25.00	\$ 65.00	\$136.00
<b>November</b>	\$182.00	\$98.00	\$155.00	\$435.00
<b>December</b>	\$182.00	\$98.00	\$155.00	\$435.00

# Pickens County Board of REALTORS® - REALTOR® APPLICATION

I am applying for the following category of membership:

- Designated REALTOR®     Designated REALTOR® - Appraiser     REALTOR® - Managing Broker  
 REALTOR® - Agent     REALTOR® - Appraiser

Designated REALTORS® must hold one of the following positions within the company.

- Principal Broker     Partnership     Corporate Officer     Trustee     Manager

Appraisers applying for Designated REALTOR® membership must hold one of the following positions with the above company.

- Principal Appraiser     Partnership     Corporate Officer     Trustee     Manager

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (required) \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone  Home  Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_  
Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Real Estate License # (required) \_\_\_\_\_  
Appraisers License (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (required) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail (required) \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPANY INFORMATION REQUIRED

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm License # \_\_\_\_\_  
Website Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Mailing Address:  Home     Office

## CURRENT OR PAST MEMBER OF ANOTHER BOARD OF REALTORS®

Have you previously held membership in any Board of REALTORS®?

- Yes     No

If yes, Board name where you last held membership \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any other name your past membership could be listed under \_\_\_\_\_

NRDS# \_\_\_\_\_

Last active year of membership \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a current member of a Board of REALTORS®, please indicate whether you are transferring your primary membership to the Pickens County Board of REALTORS® or applying for secondary membership in the Pickens County Board of REALTORS®.

Membership Type:  Primary - transferring  
 Secondary - in addition to your Primary

Any agent joining the Pickens County Board (as a secondary board) who is already a member of another Board of REALTORS® in Georgia is only required to pay the local portion of the fees to the Pickens County Board; Georgia State and National portions should have already been paid to the primary board for the current fiscal year.

The Annual Membership fees are due on January 1st of each year; however, applications received later than January 31st are calculated on a monthly pro-rated basis. Primary membership fees for the Pickens County Board of REALTORS® include fees to the Georgia Association of REALTORS® and the National Association of REALTORS®.

Have you been found in violation of the Code of Ethics or other membership duties in any Association of REALTORS® in the past three (3) years or are there any such complaints pending?

- Yes - provide details as an attachment     No

Have you or your firm been found in violation of state real estate licensing regulations or other laws prohibiting unprofessional conduct rendered by the courts or other lawful authorities within the last three years?

- Yes - provide details as an attachment     No

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER

This application is the first stage in becoming a Member of the Pickens County Board of REALTORS®. You must complete a Code of Ethics course. Notices will be sent out once your application is processed. This does not apply to former REALTOR® members who have already completed this training requirement.

## EFFECTIVE MEMBERSHIP DATE FOR CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE VOLUME CREDIT

If applicant completes the Code of Ethics course within 6 months of application to the Board, the effective date shall be the date the application was received in the Board Office.

In the event of my election, I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the National Association of REALTORS®, including the obligation to arbitrate any existing or future disputes with another member in accordance with the Board's arbitration procedures. I also agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the Pickens County Board of REALTORS®, the Georgia Association of REALTORS®, and the National Association of REALTORS® which are made available to me at the office of the Pickens County Board of REALTORS®, and if required, I further agree to satisfactorily complete within 6 months, a Code of Ethics course. I further agree that my act of paying dues shall evidence my initial and continuing commitment to abide by the aforementioned Code of Ethics, Constitutions, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and duty to arbitrate, all as from time to time amended. I irrevocably waive all claims against the Board or any of its officers, directors or members, for any acts in electing or failing to elect, advancing, suspending, expelling, or otherwise disciplining me as an applicant, or as a member. Upon the expiration of said membership for any cause, I will discontinue the use of the term REALTOR® and return to the Board all certificates, signs, seals or other indications of membership in the Board, the State Association and the National Association of REALTORS®. I consent that the Board, through its Membership Committee or otherwise, may invite and receive other information and comment about me from any member or other person, and I further agree that any information and comment furnished to the Board by any person in response to the invitation shall be conclusively deemed to be privileged and not form the basis of any action by me for slander, libel, or defamation of character.

I agree that, if accepted for Membership in the Board, I shall pay the fees and dues as from time to time established. I understand that should I not complete the Code of Ethics requirement within the prescribed 6 months from the date of my application that I will be automatically dropped as an applicant for membership and that there will be no refund of any portion of the fees paid. I hereby certify that the foregoing information furnished by me is true and correct, and I agree that failure to provide complete and accurate information as requested, or any misstatement of fact, shall be grounds for revocation of my membership if granted.

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

BY SIGNING, I consent that the REALTOR® Association (local, state and national) and their subsidiaries may contact me at the specified address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, email address or other means of communication available. This consent applies to changes in contact information that may be provided by me to the Association(s) in the future. The consent recognizes that certain state and federal laws may place limits on communications that I am waiving to receive all communications as part of my membership.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECK PAYMENT

Make checks payable to: Pickens County Board of REALTORS®

Payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## CREDIT CARD

In order to maintain your security, if paying by credit card, you will be contacted by phone and asked to provide your payment information once your application has been reviewed.

Alternatively, our online membership application allows you to include your payment information securely. To apply online, please visit [www.pickensrealtors.com/membership](http://www.pickensrealtors.com/membership).

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Status Date \_\_\_\_\_ Orientation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Last COE Date \_\_\_\_\_

Member NRDS# \_\_\_\_\_ Office NRDS # \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_