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**REFERENCE REQUIREMENT** APS membership is widely recognized in the philatelic world because of our reference requirement. Each applicant must provide a commercial reference. Please provide a current Visa or MasterCard account number with expiration date and verification code or the name and address of another commercial reference (a company or stamp dealer with whom you do business, or your employer, etc.).

I agree to abide by the Philatelic Code of Ethics and agree to be bound by all rules and regulations of the Society and its bylaws. I understand notice of applications for membership is published in *The American Philatelist*.

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Check here if you do not want the Society to provide your name to firms with philatelic offers deemed of value to the membership.

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian (required for applicants under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of APS Proposer (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Proposer's APS No. \_\_\_\_\_

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# APS Code of Ethics

As a member of the American Philatelic Society I agree to conduct myself in accordance with the Philatelic Code of Ethics. A breach of ethics by any member reflects, directly or indirectly, upon all other members. Such a breach shall be considered conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Society and cause for disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

### As a member of the American Philatelic Society, I agree:

- to support and be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the APS and such amendments, resolutions, and policies as may be established.
- to abide by all federal, state, and local laws relating to philatelic matters.
- to conduct myself so as to bring no reproach or discredit to the APS, or to impair the prestige of membership therein, or to philately.
- neither to buy nor sell philatelic items of which the ownership is questionable, and to report promptly to the proper law enforcement agencies information on suspected stolen material.
- to correct promptly any error I may make in any transaction.
- to assist in the prosecution of violations, of which I have knowledge, of laws pertaining to philatelic matters, and to report promptly to the proper law enforcement agencies any such violations.
- not knowingly to sell, trade, produce, or advertise repaired, altered, or otherwise modified philatelic items unless that condition is clearly stated. I further agree not to sell, produce, or advertise counterfeit material in any form, in violation of any law.
- to fulfill all contracts made by me, either orally or written, to make prompt payments upon delivery, and to return promptly any item that is not satisfactory.
- When exhibiting, to display only material from my own collection or else to state clearly the contrary intent.
- that substitution of stamps or covers, in circuits, approval selections, auction lots, etc., is dishonest and is cause for expulsion.
- to bring known examples of irresponsible or unethical tactics to the attention of the societies in which I hold membership and which embrace this code.
- to conduct myself in accordance with accepted standards of morality and courtesy in philatelic activities not specifically cited in the code.
- that requests for extension of time to return purchased material while awaiting expert opinion is not an acceptable reason to hold up payment for same. Prompt refund shall be forthcoming from the seller should the material submitted for opinion be deemed other than as offered or described by the seller. Unless otherwise previously agreed, the seller shall also bear reasonable costs for obtaining the opinion if material is other than as offered or described. The buyer shall inform the seller immediately after receipt of any expert opinion. Requests for extension of time must be in writing.
- to read, understand, and be bound by the “terms of sale” conditions before submitting an auction bid or placing a philatelic order.
- that if I should be found guilty of unethical or unlawful conduct, the record thereof may be disclosed to other philatelic societies of which I am a member.
- that any dispute concerning philatelic transactions in which I am involved may be settled by arbitration mutually agreed upon by the parties involved.
- not to knowingly participate in any way in the advertisement, sale or trade of any philatelic material using any deceptive practices including, but not limited to, false or misleading claims of sales, scarcity, value, condition or investment potential.
- that no dealer or auctioneer knowingly shall represent in any way, including, but not limited to, a prices realized report that a bona fide sale of philatelic item at a given price has occurred when, in fact, no change of ownership did occur.