



# Society of Vertebrate Paleontology 2010 Membership Application

(Membership for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010)\*

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## About You (please print clearly)

Title: Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT THE EMAIL ADDRESS CLEARLY**

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Degrees with Dates & Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

In what kind of institution do you work?

University or College  Museum  None (student/retired)  Other

In that institution, what is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been associated with your institution?

One year or less  2-5 years  6-10 years  11-20 years  More than 20 years

How many SVP Annual Meetings have you attended?

None  One meeting  2-5 meetings  6-10 meetings  11-20 meetings  More than 20 meetings

What are your areas of interest in vertebrate paleontology? (Taxonomy, Biogeography, Biostratigraphy, Functional Morphology, etc.)

*Please specify groups, areas and geologic time periods when relevant*

Do you hold membership in any other professional societies? If yes, please list all below.

**Advisor** - If a Student applicant, include advisor's name and signature below. All student applicants must also submit a photocopy of a valid university or college identification card

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Membership Options

- ▶ **Regular Members (Paper and Electronic Subscription)** receive a paper subscription to *The Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*; have voting rights and have access to the online *SVP News Bulletin* and the SVP Members' Only Area of the SVP Web site.
- ▶ **Regular Members (Electronic Only Subscription)** have access to the online *SVP News Bulletin*, *The Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology* and to the Members' Only Area of the SVP Web site. They also have voting rights.
- ▶ **Student Members (Paper and Electronic Subscription)** receive a paper subscription to *The Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*; have voting rights and have access to the online *SVP News Bulletin* and the SVP Members Only Area of the SVP Web site. Student Members must include a copy of a valid university or college identification card as well as an advisor's and/or authorized academic official's signature for approval of membership.
- ▶ **Student Members (Electronic Only Subscription)** have access to the online *SVP News Bulletin*, *The Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology* and to the Members' Only Area of the SVP Web site. They also have voting rights. Student Members must include a copy of a valid university or college identification card as well as an advisor's and/or authorized academic official's signature for approval of membership.
- ▶ **Second Members** have voting rights and have access to the Members Only Area of the SVP Web site, but do not receive a paper subscription to *The Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*. Second Members must be living at the same address as another (primary) SVP member in good standing, and the name and Membership ID number of the primary member must be provided in order to apply for Secondary Member status.

**NOTE:** All above member types have electronic access to the *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology* through of the SVP Web site.

## Payment (must be made at this time)

Please check the appropriate category below. Once your application is processed (allow 6-8 weeks processing time), you will receive an acceptance letter and back issues of the *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology* (if applicable).

- Regular Member – Electronic and Paper Subscription \$130       Regular Member – Electronic Only Subscription \$115  
 Student Member – Electronic and Paper Subscription\*\* \$60       Student Member – Electronic Only Subscription\*\* \$50  
\*\*(*photocopy of a valid Student ID card & Advisor Signature is required for student membership*)  
 Second Member \*\*\* \$50      Name of Primary Member: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*\*(*Second and primary member must have the same address*)

**Total Dues Payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION

Please see Page 3 for a listing of SVP funds. You can give to as many funds as you wish by writing in an amount to the left of the fund you've selected (on Page 3). Then, total your gifts on page 3 and enter that amount below. If you choose to make a contribution, there is a suggested \$10.00 minimum contribution per fund that you donate to.

Increase your membership status by making an additional contribution to one or more of the SVP support and scholarship funds. By making a minimum total contribution of \$145 to any combination of SVP funds, you will be recognized as a special SVP donor in the *SVP News Bulletin*, in issue number 3 of the JVP and on signage at the annual meeting.

- Sustaining Donor - donations of \$145-\$494, in addition to the regular member dues of \$130  
 Partner Donor - donations of \$495-\$1094, in addition to the regular member dues of \$130  
 Patron Donor - donations of \$1094 or more, in addition to the regular member dues of \$130

**Donation total from page 3:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment Method:

Visa    MasterCard    American Express   Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(I hereby authorize The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology to charge my credit card the amount indicated in the "Total" field.)

Check (Number \_\_\_\_\_)       Wire Transfer (Transfer date \_\_\_\_\_, Issuing Bank \_\_\_\_\_)

Payments made by wire transfer are subject to a \$30 fee for wire transfers from U.S. banks and a \$45 fee for wire transfers from banks outside the U.S.

## Signature

Upon approval of my membership to the SVP, I agree to abide by the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology's Ethics Statement provided below. I also agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology from any claim or cost incurred in connection with this (if applicable) application or membership in the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, including procedural or ethics complaints and proceedings and results. NOTE: The application will NOT be processed without a signature of agreement to the 'hold harmless clause' above and the By-Law on Ethics below.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology By-Law on Ethics

"Article 12. Statement of Ethics.

Several goals for the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology follow from its mission statement (Constitution Article 1): to discover, conserve, and protect vertebrate fossils and to foster the scientific, educational, and personal appreciation and understanding of them by amateur, student and professional paleontologists, as well as the general public. Fossil vertebrates are usually unique or rare, nonrenewable scientific and educational resources that, along with their accompanying contextual data, constitute part of our natural heritage. They provide data by which the history of vertebrate life on earth may be reconstructed and are one of the primary means of studying evolutionary patterns and processes as well as environmental change.

- It is the responsibility of vertebrate paleontologists to strive to ensure that vertebrate fossils are collected in a professional manner, which includes the detailed recording of pertinent contextual data (e.g. geographic, stratigraphic, sedimentologic, taphonomic).
- It is the responsibility of vertebrate paleontologists to assist government agencies in the development of management policies and regulations pertinent to the collection of vertebrate fossils, and to comply with those policies and regulations during and after collection. Necessary permits on all lands administered by federal, state, and local governments, whether domestic or foreign, must be obtained from the appropriate agency(ies) before fossil vertebrates are collected. Collecting fossils on private lands must only be done with the landowner's consent.
- Fossil vertebrate specimens should be prepared by, or under the supervision of, trained personnel.
- Scientifically significant fossil vertebrate specimens, along with ancillary data, should be curated and accessioned in the collections of repositories charged in perpetuity with conserving fossil vertebrates for scientific study and education (e.g. accredited museums, universities, colleges, and other educational institutions).
- Information about vertebrate fossils and their accompanying data should be disseminated expeditiously to both scientific community and interested general public.
- The barter, sale, or purchase of scientifically significant vertebrate fossils is not condoned unless it brings them into, or keeps them within, a public trust. Any other trade or commerce in scientifically significant vertebrate fossils is inconsistent with the foregoing, in that it deprives both the public and professionals of important specimens, which are part of our natural heritage."

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## SVP Fund Descriptions

We are pleased to acknowledge our success in raising support for the Estes, Patterson and Skinner Funds. These funds now have balances that provide sufficient interest income to make annual awards, hence they are considered a lower priority than other SVP funds. For more information on any of these funds go to [www.vertpaleo.org](http://www.vertpaleo.org).

Donations to all of the SVP funds will be used according to the terms of the fund.

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **General Donations** (GE\_DONATE)

In 1986, the Society established this fund to meet the needs of the science as determined annually by the Executive Committee. Initially, the income was applied largely to support the Bibliography of Fossil Vertebrates. In recent years, unrestricted donations have been used to support other strategic initiatives of the Society.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **The Vertebrate Paleontology Education and Research Fund** (EDU\_FUND)

The Vertebrate Paleontology Education and Research Fund is a fund created to support ongoing as well as major new initiatives.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Colbert Award Fund** – Previously known as the Student Poster Prize (ST\_POSTER)

Established to recognize the best student poster presentation at the SVP Annual Meeting.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Estes Memorial Grant Fund** (ESTES)

The Richard Estes Memorial Grant Fund was initiated in 1992 as a vehicle to provide an annual award for a graduate student working in Dr. Estes' area of interest, namely "lower" vertebrate paleontology.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **SVP Sponsored Field and Topical Conferences Fund** (GE\_CONFERENCE)

Established in 2005 to support advancement of the science of vertebrate paleontology through field and topical conferences.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Government Affairs Fund** (GOV)

Supports monitoring and education programs related to legislation and government programs that impact vertebrate paleontology.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Jackson School of Geosciences Student Member Travel Grant Fund** (STUDENT\_TRAVEL)

Established in 2005 to support student travel to attend and present their research at the SVP annual meeting.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Lanzendorf PaleoArt Prize** (LANZ\_TEMP)

The John J. Lanzendorf PaleoArt Fund was established to recognize outstanding scientific illustration or naturalistic art pertaining to vertebrate fossils.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Patterson Memorial Grant Fund** (PATTERSON)

The Bryan Patterson Memorial Grant Fund supports innovative student field work in vertebrate paleontology. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Predocctoral Fellowship Grant Fund** (PRE\_DOC)

Supports an outstanding advanced graduate student the opportunity to further their studies in vertebrate paleontology.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Preparators' Grant Award Fund** (PREP)

The Preparators' Grant Award Fund was established to further the field of vertebrate paleontology through preparation and study of methods and materials used to reveal and preserve fossil information. The award has provided members funding for preparator training, material and equipment for preparation laboratories, research and publication emphasizing preparation and support for presentations at the annual SVP Preparation, Material and Methods Symposium.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Romer Prize Fund** (ROMER\_FUND)

The Alfred Sherwood Romer Prize was established to recognize outstanding scientific contributions in vertebrate paleontology by predoctoral students. Because Professor Romer epitomized the highest qualities of scientific communication, this fund supports an annual award for predoctoral students who are conducting important research in vertebrate paleontology and who present their high quality research at the SVP Annual Meeting.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Skinner Award Fund** (SKINNER)

The Morris F. Skinner Award Fund was created to recognize outstanding and sustained contributions to scientific knowledge through the making of important collections of fossil vertebrates-it shall also be made to those persons who encourage, train, or teach others toward the same pursuits.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL CONTRIBUTION (please carry this total over to page 2)**

***Your contribution is greatly appreciated!***

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### Matching Gift Contribution:

If you are planning on contributing to an SVP fund, a Matching Gift contribution is an easy way to provide additional support to SVP. If you or your spouse is employed by a company or organization that has a Matching Gift Program, please contact the SVP Business Office for details on how to submit payment.

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