



## Professional Bowhunters Society Qualified Regular Membership Application

It is not a minor accomplishment to become a Qualified Regular Member. Just as bowhunting is not for every hunter, PBS is not for every bowhunter. Becoming a proficient bowhunter is not an easy thing for most people. Success requires significant trial and error and often involves mentoring from a friend or relative. There are many paths to gain the experience necessary to become a PBS Qualified Regular Member. This application covers the basic elements of that journey. Your path may have exposed you to other skills or knowledge relevant to being a bowhunter. Please feel free to address them as you find appropriate. There are no right or wrong answers to the questions. No one question will either qualify or disqualify your application. Your submission will be taken as a composite view and your responses will be analyzed in the context of the complete application. It may take you more than one attempt to achieve Regular Member status, but please accept this application as an opportunity to self assess your personal bowhunting experience level and relate it to the PBS Council so that we may come to know you better and learn from your unique bowhunting and conservation related experiences. Your sponsor should be your primary resource for concerns or questions in completing this application. However, feel free to contact the home office, the PBS website [www.professionalbowhunters.org](http://www.professionalbowhunters.org), or other PBS members as seems useful to you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

I have been an Associate Member for \_\_\_\_\_ years total, and \_\_\_\_\_ years in succession, if applicable.

Have you previously applied for Qualified Regular Membership? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting or conservation organizations of which you are a member \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or any game violation? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I have hunted with bow and arrow for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Approximately how many big game animals have you taken with bow and arrow? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many states, provinces, or foreign countries have you bowhunted? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hunt small game, including bowfishing, with a bow? \_\_\_\_\_

How many big game animals have you taken with a firearm in the last five years? \_\_\_\_\_

How many bows do you own? \_\_\_\_\_ Longbows \_\_\_\_\_ Recurves \_\_\_\_\_ Compounds \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your favorite hunting bow(s) in detail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your hunting arrows in detail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your maximum "95% effective" bowhunting range? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your bowhunting practice methods \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever completed a Bowhunter Education Course? \_\_\_\_ Ever served as an instructor? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever participated in a PBS website forum discussion? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you registered user of our [www.probowsociety.com](http://www.probowsociety.com) website? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever served as a mentor to a bowhunter? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever donated any item to a PBS function or Gathering? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended any PBS function or Gathering? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever donated any article or story to the PBS Magazine? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever entered a big game animal in any state or national record book? \_\_\_\_\_

We understand and accept that not everyone can vote in every election, but do you agree that failure to do so in two subsequent elections could bring suspension of voting privileges that must be reinstated by PBS Council authority? \_\_\_\_\_

For the following questions, write a paragraph or more to express yourself. Use attachments if necessary, numbering each answer.

1. What do you do or use to reduce the possibility of wounding loss?

2. Explain your personal concept of fair chase.
3. What can you offer PBS as a Qualified Regular Member?
4. Are you in full accord with the Constitution and By-Laws of PBS? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, please explain.
5. What do you feel is the number one concern regarding the future of PBS?
6. Briefly explain your personal feelings about bowhunting and what it takes to be a bowhunter.
7. What would you do, or recommend membership do, to improve PBS?
8. Briefly explain your position on use of ATVs in bowhunting.
9. Briefly explain your position on use of crossbows in archery-only seasons.
10. Attach a "bio" of yourself that includes a photo. Examples can be found on the PBS website or are available from our home office. This bio will be published in the PBS magazine if/when/upon being accepted into the ranks of Qualified Regular Membership.
11. Make any comments you wish to contribute.

I am proudly sponsored and endorsed by the following Qualified Member:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*A letter from your PBS Regular Sponsor, outlining their relationship with you, how long they have known you, etc., **must** accompany this application. It is highly desirable, but not required, to have hunted with your PBS Sponsor.

Please list four bowhunting friends as references. These DO NOT need to be PBS Members.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

I swear that I have personally answered all the questions on this application. All answers are true to the best of my knowledge. Bowhunting is my primary archery and hunting interest.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Sponsor:

I certify I have examined this application as completed by the applicant. I am satisfied by personal or first-hand knowledge that the applicant meets all the requirements for Qualified Regular Membership and hereby recommend them for such status.

Signature of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_