

Professional Bowhunters Society Qualified Regular Membership Application

It is no 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 you 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, the Senior Councilman, or other PBS members as seems useful to you. The Senior Councilman is in charge of making sure the application is complete and will move it through the application process.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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? _____

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 discussion? _____

Are you a registered user of our www.professionalbowhunter.org forum? _____

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 Regular Member:

Name: _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
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: _____
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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 _____

Please mail or email your completed application, sponsor letter, and a few hero pictures to:

professionalbowhunters@gmail.com

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