

THE CONSULTANT'S CONSULTANT

ASCA Membership brochure

“I may not know all the answers. But by consulting fellow ASCA members, I’m sure to get them.”



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CONSULTING ARBORISTS



A watercolor illustration on the left side of the page. It features a tree with green foliage and a brown trunk, set against a light blue and white background that suggests a sky and clouds. The style is soft and artistic.

Consult with the best

As the industry's only professional organization focusing solely on arboricultural consulting, you will want to be part of the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA). When you join, we'll help you to:

- Enhance your skills through our Consulting Academy, Annual Conference, seminars and other educational opportunities.
- Earn your RCA, the industry's highest professional designation—Registered Consulting Arborist.
- Access valuable resources, such as publications, industry updates, referrals, discounts and more.
- Consult with the best through ASCA's popular listserv network of seasoned consulting arborists.

Whether you're a Consulting Arborist or want to be one, you won't find a better place to consult for your career. Apply today to become an ASCA member at www.asca-consultants.org and join The Consultant's Consultants.

Enhance your skills

You can enhance the skills you need by attending the ASCA Annual Conference, online webinars and ASCA's Consulting Academy. Here you will receive specific training in technical writing and report preparation, consulting ethics, oral communications, forensics and mediation skills...all the skills you need to be a Consulting Arborist.

Achieve the top designation

Being an ASCA member is the first step to achieving the highest designation in arboriculture, the Registered Consulting Arborist (RCA). Upon successful completion of the ASCA Consulting Academy (which includes a written exam and the Post-Academy Report) and having earned 420 CEUs, members are then eligible to apply to become an RCA.

Eligibility

To be considered for membership in ASCA, you must meet the following experience requirement and ONE (1) of the following education requirements. Members are also required to read and abide by the Standards of Professional Practice.

1. experience

In order to be an ASCA member, you must have at least five (5) years experience in arboriculture plus one of the following educational requirements:

2. education

- a. A four-year degree in Arboriculture or a closely related field such as Urban Forestry, Horticulture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Forestry or Plant Biology.
or
- b. At least 240 approved continuing education units (CEUs) - see list of Approved CEU Credit on the right.
or
- c. Have earned the designation of Board Certified Master Arborist.

Approved CEU credits

A minimum of 240 approved continuing education units are required for ASCA membership. Plus every two years, 30 CEUs are required to maintain ASCA membership.

NOTE: one (1) ISA CEU equals one (1) ASCA CEU. You can also use the following ASCA approved CEUs:

Formal Education

Closely related four-year degree	300 CEUs
Non-related four-year degree	180 CEUs
Closely related two-year degree	120 CEUs
Non-related two-year degree	60 CEUs

ISA Certification

BCMA	300 CEUs
Certified Arborist	60 CEUs

Continuing Education

ASCA Consulting Academy	30 CEUs
ASCA Annual Meeting	20 CEUs
Completion of a formal continuing adult education course in arboriculture <i>(approved by ASCA)</i>	15 CEUs
ISA Annual Meeting	12 CEUs
TCIA Annual Meeting	12 CEUs
ASCA workshop or sponsored meeting	10 CEUs
Other national arboricultural meetings <i>(National Urban Forest Conference, MenningerSunbelt Tree Conference, Pacific Ornamental TreeConference, National Urban Tree Symposium, etc.)</i>	10 CEUs
ISA or TCIA functions on a chapter or regional basis	7 CEUs
Related subject matter conferences <i>(Expert Witness Conference, American Society of Appraisers, etc.)</i>	7 CEUs
Authoring an arboricultural-related article in a refereed professional journal	7 CEUs
Completion of a home-study course related to arboriculture <i>(approved by ASCA)</i>	7 CEUs
Other regional or state arboricultural meetings <i>(State Urban Forestry Council, etc.)</i>	5 CEUs
Speaking at a bona fide arboricultural meeting <i>(NOTE: May be added to an authorized credit for attendance)</i>	5 CEUs Max of 30
Authoring an arboricultural related article in a non-refereed publication	5 CEUs Max of 30
Local arboricultural meeting sponsored by public or private entity <i>(Cooperative Extension, local government, private consultant or firm, etc.)</i>	3 CEUs Max of 30
Authoring regular news column or host of a radio or TV program <i>(arboriculture only)</i>	3 CEUs
Online Seminar <i>[per seminar]</i>	1 CEU

ASCA Membership Application

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

Payment Information

Membership Year: Oct 1 – Sept 30

Application fee: \$75 + Annual Dues: \$365 = Total: \$440

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Check (made payable to ASCA - US funds only) MasterCard VISA

Card Number

Exp. Date

Security Code

Signature

Name on Card

Degree *(Please include date degree was completed.)*

Name of degree & major

Name of Institution

Address of Institution

Continuing Education Credits

Provide a list of educational events in which you have participated, verifying that you have at least 240 approved continuing education units (CEUs). For each event, include the following:

Event name	Date of event	Brief description of event
Event sponsor	Location of event	Number of hours involved

Affidavit

I certify that I have met the Education and Experience Requirements as set forth and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is true, accurate and complete.

Signature

Date

Initial Contact

How did you hear about ASCA?

Referral

Referred by

Apply online at www.asca-consultants.org or complete this application and mail or fax along with the application fee and dues payment to the ASCA office.

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