

**APPLICATION FOR
MEMBERSHIP**

Email Address:

Website URL:

Comments:

Please be sure to include a sample of your soap for jury. Please be aware of labeling requirements. Your label must contain your company name, location information, and weight. You cannot make any medical or cosmetic claims on the label. Once evaluated, all products will be donated to a local charity. Applications received without a sample will not be considered for membership.

The membership dues are \$25.00 US per year. Please mail the completed form, membership fee and soap sample to:

Debbie Parlsey
UMSG Treasurer
P.O. Box 444
Holmen WI 54636
debbie@sunburstsoaps.com

Check out our website!

www.umsoapguild.com

We have lots of information posted, including:

- Annual Gathering information—each year the Guild hosts a formal gathering with speakers and presentations. We have vendors join us to show off their wares. There are contests and swaps organized by members. The site will have all the particulars as things are planned and the application as the date draws near.
- Announcements regarding mini-gatherings—these gatherings are more informal and there is no agenda. It is short and sweet and a great time to sell some things gathering dust on your shelf.
- Other announcements about volunteer positions available, upcoming elections, and voting opportunities.
- Members Only page which includes: UMSG Logo download for your labels and web site, member supplier information (some suppliers give discounts to UMSG members!), membership roster, meeting minutes, chat room and message board, links for starting your own business.



Promoting the art of
handcrafted soap and
toiletry making and
providing its members with
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MEMBERSHIP WITH THE UPPER MIDWEST SOAPMAKERS GUILD

To become a member of the upper Midwest Soapmakers Guild (UMSG) you must:

1. Manufacture handcrafted soap in a business or hobby capacity and/or sell soap-making supplies.
2. Live or have a principal place of business in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Northwest Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta (east of the Rockies).

Note to suppliers—we would love to have you as a member of our Guild! There are two options—Supporting Member or Friend of the Guild. Check with a board member for more information.

Membership Pledge

(place your hand on your stick blender and repeat:)

We as handcrafted soap makers pledge to quality soap making and ethical business practices.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Information and advice from experienced soapmakers
- Friendship and the ability to talk with people who never get tired of discussing soapmaking
- Use of the UMSG logo
- Discounts from some member suppliers
- Access to the members-only section of our website which features a message board, show promoter information, etc.
- Annual gatherings along with the occasional mini-gatherings
- Participation in our e-mail list discussion
- UMSG is an open guild. While the board does have to make the decisions, our board is elected by the members and held accountable by them.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are \$25.00 US per year.

Membership Application

Complete the application and send it, along with a sample of your soap to the address listed on the back of this application. You will receive an invitation to join the UMSG Yahoo group.

Soapmaker's Name:

Business Name:

Address:

Phone Number (if you prefer this to be private, please indicate)

Fax Number
