

# MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASPEN

## How do I become a member?

Thank you for your interest in Mountain Rescue Aspen (MRA). This document is designed to guide you on the requirements and steps to becoming a member. The first step is to become a MRA “Pledge”. To become a Pledge the steps are:

1. **General Meeting:** attend two out of three consecutive team General Meetings and make proper introductions
2. **Application:** complete a Pledge application and submit it through the [www.MountainRescueAspen.org](http://www.MountainRescueAspen.org) website
3. **Residency:** must have maintained primary residency within 60 miles of the MRA Rescue Cabin for at minimum 6 months continuously

After submitting the application it will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will contact the Pledge applicant and discusses acceptance or any further steps needed for acceptance. Prior to being accepted as a pledge, the only event that one can attend is the General Meetings.

After being accepted as a Pledge, one can attend trainings, events or incidents as an observer after signing the required waiver.

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After being accepted as a Pledge the next step is “Support Member” status. To become a Support Member the following is required at minimum:

1. **Training:** 60% of all trainings after being accepted as a Pledge
2. **General Meetings:** attend 4 of 6 consecutive meetings
3. **Medical:** First Responder or greater BLS/CPR
4. **Rescue Leader Group:** have approval for appointment to classification
5. **Space Availability:** the team must have an open position on the roster
6. **Board of Directors:** have approval for appointment to classification
7. **ICS:** completion of IS-100a & IS-700a
8. **Residency:** must have maintained primary residency within 60 miles of the MRA Rescue Cabin for at minimum 1 year continuously

After meeting the minimum requirements listed above the Pledge will be interviewed by a panel of Mountain Rescue Aspen members. Following the interview the Pledge will receive further feedback on membership requirements and may be encouraged to submit a Support Member application. After the application the Board of Directors will evaluate the Pledge for membership according to team Policy.