

## **AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



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### **2026 Affiliate Membership - \$125**

I currently hold a Class \_\_\_\_\_ License

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check for \$125 (payable to Louisiana Propane Gas Association)

\_\_\_\_ I will contact the LPGA office to make a credit card payment

**Note: This is a voluntary membership and is not necessary to purchase a dealer license. However, most members recognize the value of membership far exceeds the cost.**

**Affiliate membership entitles your company to full Association privileges and discounts with the exception of voting privileges for board decisions.**

# Who we are...

The Louisiana Propane Gas Association was founded more than half a century ago in order to promote, protect and encourage the growth of the LP-Gas industry in the State of Louisiana. Since its founding, this non-profit association has been working to protect the interests of our industry, our members, and our customers. LPGA is deeply committed to safety and service, education, legislative and regulatory efforts, marketing and promotion, and training. We take pride in offering professional lobbying and management services to our current members.

LPGA welcomes with enthusiasm the opportunity to offer your company membership in our association. LPGA members can include propane retailers, dispenser operators, welding supply companies, RV parks, wholesalers, distributors, propane equipment manufacturers, alternative fuel kits manufacturers, insurance companies, and other vendors.

## ***Affiliate Membership Benefits...***

- **Join us for Propane Days in Washington DC.** Affiliate membership enables you to become involved in the development of standards, policies, and best practices that ultimately affect the way you do business. LPGA works for your best interests and lets your voice be heard in front of local, state, and federal government.
- **Join us for Quarterly Board Meetings across the state and an Annual Convention on the Gulf Coast.** LPGA membership offers you the opportunity to make a wise investment that entitles you to participate in a wide range of association activities that can lead to new business contacts, innovative ideas and new business opportunities.
- **Training Schools** – we offer a variety of propane related training throughout the year including safety, marketing, new applications, and much more...all at no cost for training and materials.
- **Publications** – Louisiana Propane Gas E-Newsletter - LPGA members receive LPGA's monthly E-Newsletter, which includes information on safety, legislation and anything else pertinent to the propane industry. LPGA Directory - Members receive a directory of all LPGA members and their contact information (upon request).
- **Advertising Discount** – LPGA members receive a substantial discount over non-members on advertising in the LPGA e-newsletter. Advertising in the LPGA e-newsletter is an efficient and effective way to get your message to those in the propane industry!
- **Rule Changes** – The current political environment puts propane and other fuels in the cross-hairs of activists who oppose the use of conventional fuels like propane and natural gas. Stay up to date with any changes that may affect your business.

**Propane Lobbying** – The LPGA is dedicated to achieving a favorable regulatory climate for the propane industry. The support of LPGA members helps make things like this happen:

**(1)** The LPGA took the lead in proposing a reduction of the assessment charged to all propane dealers in the state. After extensive research, it was determined that, due to increased price of gas, the current fees would far exceed the needs of the commission. The LPGA proposed a plan that would have reduced the fees by 15%. After extensive negotiations, the commission finally agreed to a 7.5% reduction which EVERY propane dealer on the state now enjoys.

**(2)** During the 2008 Second Extraordinary Session, the LA legislature amended the law allowing for the removal of state sales taxes from the sale of propane to now include ALL persons not to be limited to consumer/residential use only.

**(3)** LPGA recently fought sales and income tax increases on business.

**(4)** LPGA continues to fight for tax credits on the state and federal levels to make propane and propane autogas affordable choices for consumers. Our efforts over the years have saved dealers literally hundreds of thousands of dollars.

**(5)** LPGA works with the state LP Gas Commission to ensure that regulatory issues are consistent, viable and necessary for the safe and efficient application of propane for all venues and purposes.

**(6)** HB 898 was signed by the governor and became Act 512 of the 2022 Legislative session. It took effect on August 1, 2022. The bill prohibits local governments from passing any new laws or ordinances restricting the sale or use of Propane that would be in conflict with existing Federal or State laws.

**(7)** Our affiliation with the Nation Propane Gas Association assures the clout necessary to defend against policies that would ban propane and gas-powered stoves, propane powered vehicles including school busses, medium and light duty trucks, and forklifts. Our partnership with the NPGA means our state and federal governmental relations efforts are working together to ensure consumers have the most competitive, safe and affordable choices in fuels anywhere in the country.

Your membership helps support the lobbying efforts, both legislatively and regulatorily, of the whole propane industry. The more members an association has, the more legislative power it possesses.

An affiliate membership entitles your company to one representative in the association. Additional representatives may join at a cost of **\$35** each.

- **Please note:** The LP Gas Commission will soon have a new computer system and will be putting rules into place for continuing education requirements for **all dealers** in the state including all those that carry a card of competency. The association provides **free training to members** and all of our trainings are open and available to you and your employees at no cost when done through the association. Fines for violations may be substantial!