

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is required for all seed and turfgrass growers and/or conditioners who produce and/or condition certified seed and/or turfgrass.

Any other person or firm interested in promoting the objectives of the Association and in receiving its benefits may become an Associate member without voting privileges by paying the membership fee.

An application for either membership may be accepted or rejected by the Board of Directors.

GCIA may share with the developer, maintainer or licensing authority any requested applications, reports, observations, data supporting quality or quantity of production fields, seed, product, etc. of varieties requiring a license to propagate.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

1. Applications for membership and crop inspection will be provided on request.

2. Final dates for filing: (Late applications may be returned)

February 1 Rye, Triticale, Canola & Lupine

March 1 Turfgrass (Zoysia and Bermudas)

March 15 Pecan Trees, Miscanthus & Perennial Peanuts

April 1 Grasses: Bermuda, Bahia, Tall Fescue, Clovers, Oats, Wheat, & Barley

May 15 Hybrid Corn (South Georgia)

June 1 Hybrid Corn (North Georgia), Tobacco, Okra & Forest Trees*

July 1 Peanuts, Cotton, Sorghums, Southern Peas & Lespedeza

August 15 Soybeans & Millet

March 15 Final date for making foundation seed reservations for spring planting.

September 15 Final date for making foundation seed reservations for fall planting.

*October 15 Forest Tree - for initial inspection 21 months prior to seed collection.

*For Quality Assurance Mulch and Forage fees see standards.

3. Late applications: When received more than three weeks after the dates specified, applications may be accepted only if the Association has the time and personnel to make the necessary inspections. See fee schedule for late charges.

FEES

The schedule of fees outlined below were approved by the Board of Directors

- A. **MEMBERSHIP FEE:** \$50.00 per year
- B. **INSPECTION FEE:** For pre-planting inspections of bahiagrass, vegetatively propagated pasture grass, fescue & lespedeza, \$2.70/A.
Pecan Trees – Donor trees (foundation and/or registered trees) inspection, annually, \$50.00 per hour plus mileage
- C. **ACREAGE FEES:** \$1.80 per acre for the following crops: cotton, soybeans, sorghums, lupine, wheat, oats, barley, peanuts, clover, millet, lespedeza, and other grasses.

\$2.50 per acre for rye, canola & triticale (Two inspections required)

\$1,200.00 for the 1st five acres of part thereof, \$19.00 per acre for each additional acre of all classes of turfgrass. (\$1,200.00 minimum applies to each farm location – separate farm is defined as fields being further than 25 miles apart)

\$265.00 for first 10 acres or part thereof; \$4.00/A for all over 10 acres of vegetatively propagated pasture grasses.

*Pecans – see application fee

**Miscanthus – see application fee

***Perennial Peanuts – see application fee
- D. **APPLICATION FEE:** Minimum \$225.00 (membership not included)

*Pecans - \$500.00 application fee plus travel for onsite visit (this does not include membership), \$250.00 for desk audit (this does not include membership)

**Miscanthus - \$500.00 application fee for 1st acre or part thereof (this does not include membership) plus \$8.00 per acre for each additional acre

***Perennial Peanuts - \$500.00 application fee for 1st acre or part thereof (this does not include membership) plus \$8.00 per acre for each additional acre

E. **TAG FEE:** \$.15 per tag/label plus shipping costs; Pecans - \$0.50 per tree sold

Specialty tags/labels - \$100.00 initial set up fee; plus \$.30 per tag/label for Black Print only or \$.35 per tag/label for Color, for all tags/labels that require different formatting from certification tags/labels, plus shipping costs.

*****Note:** In lieu of tag fee – All classes of certified tree seed will be assessed a fee of \$.20 per pound of conditioned seed.

F. **BULK CERTIFICATES:** Fees for certificates will be calculated by dividing the pounds in the container by 50 and multiplied by the current certified tag rate. Preprinted unused certificates will be billed at \$2.00 per certificate. All unused certificates must be returned to the GCIA office each year by the date for each crop as defined in the tag/certificate return schedule.

G. **APPLICATION REVIEW FEE:** When application is received by the GCIA office for inspection of all crops or grasses, regardless of due date, the application will be checked to verify if additional information or paperwork is required and all proof received with the application is correct. If the application or paperwork is incomplete or incorrect, the applicant shall be notified and charged a fee of \$100.00 for identification and notification of errors or incomplete paperwork needed to process the application. Applicant will incur a charge of \$100.00 for each time incomplete information is requested and received. The application review fee shall apply in addition to any late application fees due for late filing. (Instructions for completing application(s) will have indication of items that will incur this fee if received incomplete or incorrect.)

H. **ETCERTIFICATE ANNUAL FEE:** \$150.00 PER YEAR (Fees shall be billed annually on April 1st)

I. **LATE FEES:** (Per application)

1st week \$50.00

2nd week Each additional week past due date – add \$25.00

3rd week or later \$75.00 plus \$.30/A for 1st 50 acres and \$.15/A for additional acreage over 50 acres.

If late adding a grower: \$25.00 plus \$.10/A

No late fee is charged on additional acreage of grower or farm if application is submitted on time or if late fee has been charged against original application.

- J. **APPROVED SEED CONDITIONING PLANT FEES:** \$450.00* Initial Fee; \$225.00 Annually
**\$450.00 for those being reinstated after having been removed from the approved plant list.*
- K. **PEANUT BUYING POINT FEE:** \$150.00 annually
- L. **RE-INSPECTION FEES:** \$150.00 plus mileage – per re-inspection for all crops
- M. **SPECIAL SERVICES:** Inspection charges for companies who do not purchase certification tags - previous years cost analysis, plus 25%

RETURN TAG FEE SCHEDULE

Return tags/certificates must be received by:

Spring crops:	Small Grains, Grasses, etc.	January 1
Summer crops:	Peanuts	July 15
	Soybeans	August 1