

**MICHIGAN CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Company / Farm Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Street Name and No: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

E-mail: _____ Web page: _____

Applicant seeks membership in the MICHIGAN CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION pursuant to its Bylaws as set forth immediately below:

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_____ Active member- Any Michigan resident or entity with a place of business in Michigan with a current or active agreement with this Association to (a) obtain seed certification, or (b) to purchase Foundation or parent seed stocks offered by the Association, shall be eligible to become an Active Member. If an active member purchases Foundation or parent seed stocks that are not subsequently entered in the seed certification or quality assurance program, that Member shall no longer be an Active Member and shall become an Associate Member as defined below. Active Members shall have voting rights on all matters subject to the vote of the Membership.

_____ Associate Membership. Any person or entity not eligible to be an Active Member, but who is in any way engaged in or connected with the seed industry or its related branches shall be eligible to become an Associate Member. Associate Members may attend the meetings of the membership, but shall not have voting rights. Associate Members may serve on committees.

Dues: All membership classes shall have dues established by the Board of Directors and shall be paid at time of filing an application for membership.

THIS membership becomes effective upon approval and acceptance by the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, AND upon payment of **\$25.00 annual membership fee**. The membership year will begin April 15 and end on April 14, of the following year. Applicant shall be granted all rights and privileges pertaining thereto in accordance with the Bylaws, rules and regulations and policies set forth by the Michigan Crop Improvement Association.

If accepted for membership, applicant accepts and agrees to abide by the Bylaws, rules and regulations, purchase order – terms and conditions of sale, and policies of the Association, as well as Michigan Department of Agriculture Field Seed Certification Regulation NO. 623, as amended. Applicant understands and agrees that membership may be suspended, or terminated if applicant, or any agents or representatives thereof, violate any of the provisions of such Bylaws, Rules, Regulations and policies or engage in practices likely to injure or discredit the Association.

ARBITRATION- All disputes and controversies of every kind, of whatever nature (hereafter "claim or claims") between the parties to this agreement arising out of or in connection with goods or services provided by the Michigan Crop Improvement Association which might have been the subject of a civil action shall be resolved through arbitration. Arbitration shall be the exclusive forum for resolving such claims. A demand for arbitration must be filed with the American Arbitration Association within ninety (90) days after the claim arises. Failure to make a timely demand shall forever bar the claim. All timely demands for arbitration shall be resolved in accordance with the commercial dispute resolution procedures of that organization. Each party shall bear their own arbitration costs and expenses. An arbitration award shall be final and binding, and judgment on the award may be entered by any court of competent jurisdiction.

Applicant has read the foregoing and accepts the terms and conditions of membership in the MICHIGAN CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

Check enclosed Bill my account

Accepted by _____ Fees Received/Check # _____