



# Membership Application

(For Membership Categories see next page)

## Please Print Clearly

PRIMARY - \$145 (\$120 Yearly Dues+\$25 Application Fee)  LINK MY WEBSITE - \$30 Yearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Store Name \_\_\_\_\_

Store Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Fill in Website ONLY if you selected "Link My Website") Website - http://\_\_\_\_\_

How do you OBTAIN your merchandise? Please check all that apply:  Consignment  Buy Outright  Solicit Donations  
("Solicit" does NOT mean that YOU donate unsold merchandise to a charity)

PLEASE NOTE: As per NARTS Bylaws, "Retail stores, shops and outlets which receive inventory solicited as a charitable donation, but operate in whole or in part for the benefit of a non-charitable, for-profit person or entity shall NOT be eligible for Membership."

Are you a:  For Profit business  Not For Profit 501(c)3 organization - *If Not For Profit Complete Below:*

Legal name of 501(c)3 that owns/operates the NFP thrift store \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDARY - \$84 Yearly  LINK MY WEBSITE - \$30 Yearly (Website Link Not Applicable to Associate Membership)

ASSOCIATE - \$36 Yearly

**Note: There MUST be a Primary Member before an Associate or Secondary Member can be added to NARTS Membership.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Store Name \_\_\_\_\_

Store Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current Primary Member (MUST be DIFFERENT Person than the Secondary or Associate) \_\_\_\_\_

(Fill in Website ONLY if you selected "Link My Website") Website - http://\_\_\_\_\_

### Select Three Main Categories of Merchandise Sold

**\*\* Listings are limited to 3 CATEGORIES ONLY! \*\*\***

- Ladies'  Men's  Children's  Family  Maternity  Plus Size  Juniors  Teens  Bridal
- Formal Wear  Costumes  Jewelry  Vintage  Accessories  Furs  Variety
- Furniture  Home Furnishings  Home Decor  Household  Antiques  Gifts  Collectibles
- Baby Furniture & Equip  Toys  Sporting Goods  Other \_\_\_\_\_

PROVISIONAL - \$145 (\$120 Yearly Dues+\$25.00 Application Fee)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose check made payable to: NARTS  
Mail to: PO Box 190 - St. Clair Shores, MI 48080**

By submitting this application, you agree to adhere to the NARTS Code of Ethics as it appears on the next page.

# BYLAWS: ARTICLE IX

## Section 1: Membership

Any person applying for membership to this corporation is subject to the approval of the board of directors. Retail membership in this corporation is limited to individuals representing retail stores and shops that continuously conduct the business described in Section 2 of this Article from non-residential physical retail premises or through a dedicated online Internet presence and falling within the following categories of retail stores and shops:

1. For-profit retail stores and shops, which solicit inventory on a consignment basis, or on a "buy outright" basis; or
2. Not-for-Profit retail stores and shops operated by and on behalf of charities they represent, providing that those charities have been granted Section 501 (C)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.

**Retail stores and shops (a) which receive or purchase inventory originally solicited as a charitable donation, but operate in whole or in part for the benefit of a for-profit person or entity; (b) operate in or from a residence; (c) engage only in seasonal or event sales; and/or (d) lease or license third parties to conduct business on premises they own, lease or control shall NOT be eligible for membership.**

*Membership in NARTS shall be recorded in the name of the individual, not the employing organization. In the event a member leaves the employing organization or for any other reason finds it necessary to transfer their membership within the same company, the member may do so with payment of a processing fee accompanied by the proper paperwork.*

## Section 2: Retail Membership Categories

**PRIMARY:** Any person actively involved in a firm, partnership, corporation or other business entity selling at retail goods that consist predominantly of used or recycled personal or household merchandise shall be eligible for Primary Membership. There shall be one and only one Primary Member from any group of persons or business entities that are related to each other through direct or indirect ownership, franchising or licensing arrangements. *A Primary Member is a voting member.*

**SECONDARY:** Any person representing a firm, partnership, corporation or other business entity selling at retail goods that consist predominantly of used or recycled personal or household merchandise, and which is related to a Primary Member through ownership, franchising or licensing arrangements, shall be eligible for Secondary Membership. *A Secondary Member is a non-voting member representing your additional location(s).* **Note: There MUST be a Primary Member before a Secondary Member can be added to NARTS Membership.**

**ASSOCIATE:** Any partner or regular full-time employee of a Primary or Secondary Member in good standing in the Association shall be eligible for Associate Membership. An Associate Member is a non-voting membership designed to give others involved in your business a professional status. **Note: There MUST be a Primary Member before an Associate Member can be added to NARTS Membership.**

**PROVISIONAL:** Any individual or person planning to be eligible for Primary Membership within one year from the date of acceptance into the Association in this membership category shall be eligible for Provisional Membership. No Provisional Member shall be eligible to renew its Provisional Membership without express prior approval of the Association's Membership Services Director. Renewal of Provisional Membership is limited to one additional year. A Provisional Member is a future owner and a non-voting member.

## Code of Ethics

All members shall be bound by these business practices:

**E**NSURE rights to supplier confidentiality of privileged information received verbally, in writing or electronically.

**T**HRIVE to achieve educational growth through continuing education, sharing of knowledge, expertise and skills to advance the resale industry.

**H**ONOR written and oral agreements, striving for clarity and mutual understanding through complete, accurate and timely communications, while respecting legal and contractual rights of others.

**I**MPLEMENT clearly written return, exchange, consignment, layaway and similar policies.

**C**OMMIT to the protection of the environment by responsible use of resources in the operation of your business.

**S**INCERELY represent and act within one's areas of professional competency and authority without exaggeration, distortion or concealment.

*Adherence to the Code of Ethics signifies professionalism, fair dealing and high integrity.*

*Any member may be subject to revocation of membership if found to have materially breached any part of this Code.*