



## The American Fern Society, Inc. Membership Renewal

This is your **annual renewal notice** from the American Fern Society for 2023. Please read through the important information below!

### About the renewal process for 2023

Over the last few months, we have been busy making some long-overdue updates and improvements to our membership system! As a result, the renewal process looks a little different this year. The most important change is that we have moved to a new, more secure membership database as of early 2023. We are using the new database as an opportunity to ensure that we have correct and up-to-date contact information for all of our members.

Please follow the steps below to register yourself in the new database. You will be asked to create new login credentials (username and password). Please note that if you have existing credentials with AFS that you created before December 2022, those will not work with this new system, and you will need to follow the steps below to register with the new system and create new credentials. Thank you for your patience during this process, which will help us to much more securely and easily manage your membership information into the future!

Please follow the steps below to renew your membership:

- Have your credit card ready if you would like to pay with a card. You will also have an option to pay by check if you prefer.
- Visit <https://payments.amerfernsoc.org>
- Select "Join the Society or Renew your Membership".
- On the following pages you will be asked to enter a Username and Password, your contact information, and to select a membership type and whether you would like to make any gift memberships or donations to the society.
- You will have the option to pay securely via credit card or mail in a check.

### Membership Categories

We have updated the membership options to provide more flexibility, and you will see the following choices available. All membership types receive the Fiddlehead Forum newsletter in print (we are working on an online-only option for the FF for those who would like it!).

- **Student/Non-academic**
  - Suitable for postdocs, students, and enthusiasts.
  - Online only (\$20): Includes electronic access to the *American Fern Journal*.
  - With print (\$40): Includes electronic & print access to the *American Fern Journal*.
- **Academic**
  - Suitable for academic faculty and staff, government employees, and other professional botanists.
  - Online only (\$40): Includes electronic access to the *American Fern Journal*.
  - With print (\$60): Includes electronic & print access to the *American Fern Journal*.
- **Lifetime (\$600)**
  - Appropriate for individuals who wish to be lifetime members of the society!

We strongly encourage all members to renew their memberships online, following the steps laid out above. However, if you are not able to use the online system, you may fill out the information below and return this form to the Membership Secretary:

Sally Chambers  
AFS Membership Secretary  
Eastern Kentucky University  
3238 Science Building  
521 Lancaster Ave  
Richmond, KY 40475

Your full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

Your mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

Membership type:

\_\_\_\_\_ Student/Non-academic – online only (\$20)

\_\_\_\_\_ Student/Non-academic – print (\$40)

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic – online only (\$40)

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic – print (\$60)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime (\$600)

Payment:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pay by credit card.

Please visit [paypal.me/amerfernsoc](https://paypal.me/amerfernsoc) to make your payment. Please include a note that indicates that your payment is for 2023 membership renewal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pay by check, made out to *American Fern Society*. Check number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your check with this form and mail to the address above.

Questions? Please email [schambers@eku.edu](mailto:schambers@eku.edu) or [jder@Fullerton.edu](mailto:jder@Fullerton.edu)

**Thank you for your support of the American Fern Society!**