

## KANSAS ARBORISTS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION

The Kansas Arborists Association has adopted the following philosophy regarding Certification of Arborists in the State of Kansas.

As an association we offer a training course which presents individuals with information, guidance, methods and illustrations utilizing practical experience to enable the enrollees to practice proper arboricultural procedures in their employment or for whatever purpose they desire. In addition, as an organization we also provide a voluntary State Certification program. In certifying arborists, we cannot guarantee that these individuals will practice proper arboricultural procedures. We can only certify that these individuals have been given and provided training with which they should be able to accomplish proper arboricultural practices. Therefore, we feel that only those individuals who are practicing arboricultural tasks for a majority of their business, employment or operations and those who instruct or consult on arboricultural aspects shall be eligible to receive the title of "Certified Kansas Arborists" as long as these individuals maintain their requirements for certification.

Any violations of proper arboricultural procedures by members or certified arborists is a violation of the ethics by which they agreed to abide and shall be subject to the scrutiny of the Board of Directors which could impose de-certification if it is deemed necessary. Kansas Arborists Association assumes no liability for the actions of its certified members.

### KANSAS ARBORISTS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Successful completion of the Arborists Training Course or a university course in arboriculture. Other training may be acceptable subject to board approval. **YOU MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR ATC DIPLOMA OR YOUR UNIVERSITY TRANSCRIPT WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**
2. Profess to a Code of Ethics for Certified Arborists by signature of documents.
3. Meet one the requirements for practical experience applying sound and proper arboricultural practice as follows:
  - A. Certified Commercial Arborist - Would require 2 years practicing experience.
  - B. Certified Municipal Arborist - Would require 2 years practicing experience
  - C. Governmental/Education Arborist - Would require 4 years of practical experience applying and promoting sound arboricultural practices.Other combinations of education and experience may be acceptable by action of the KAA Board. Field inspections may be required.
4. Three references, two of which must be current KAA Certified Arborists, one must be in the same category as the one being applied for. Implement formal certification application review.
5. Insurance Requirements: A minimum of \$50,000 Property Damage and \$100,000 Personal Liability Insurance

- A. Commercial arborists, those actively practicing tree related services as a business and who are the principal agent for the firm shall be required to supply the KAA with a valid Certification of Insurance.
  - B. Government, Institutional and Educational employees and those employed by Commercial firms but who are not the principal owner shall have an appropriate supervisor write a letter to the KAA verifying the applicants employment and provide the KAA with the firm or organizations current Insurance Provider and valid policy number or a statement of appropriate backing.
6. Payment of annual certification fee (\$15.00/year).
  7. Current and annual membership in the Kansas Arborists Association (\$20.00/year)..
  8. Payment of initial processing fee for certification (\$15.00). (This fee will also be charged to any Certified Arborists who has failed to renew annual dues and fees by the deadline of April 1).
  9. Recommendation and approval by the KAA Board of Directors.
  10. CEU's requirement: All certified Arborist must attend at least one Association function each year. Approved functions are the Annual Conference or The Summer Field Day.
  11. Certification fee and annual dues are to be paid on or before April 15 each year.

**CHECKLIST FOR YOUR CERTIFICATION PACKET:**

- Copy of ATC Diploma or University Transcript
- Signed Code of Ethics
- Meet the requirements of practical experience by arborist category
- Three reference's signatures
- Insurance requirements
- Payments (Explained on Certification Application)

**Please mail to: Kansas Arborists Association**

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