

Young Mineral Collectors Membership Categories and Benefits

SECTION I: DEFINITIONS

1: Young Mineral Collectors:

A 501(c)(3) organization that focuses on youth mineralogical and geoscience education. Often shortened to the acronym YMC.

2: Members:

Anyone who is currently paying dues to the organization (YMC).

3: Categories:

Classifications of membership depend on the members age and prior association with YMC.

4: Dues

The monetary cost to join YMC and access additional benefits not normally offered to the general public.

5: Benefits

Offerings that YMC provides to the general public as well as members.

SECTION II: CATEGORIES

1: General Public:

Anyone who is not currently a member of YMC. The general public may be a supporter or donor of the organization, but are not currently paying dues to the organization.

2: Young Mineral Collectors:

Anyone between the ages of 18-40 and is paying dues is a Young Mineral Collector.

3: Mineral Veterans:

Anyone over the age of 40 who was never involved previously with the Young Mineral Collectors Facebook Group but is paying dues is a Mineral Veteran.

4: Alumni:

Anyone over the age of 40 who was a member of the Young Mineral Collectors Facebook Group and is paying dues is an Alumni.

5: Juniors:

Anyone under the age of 18 sponsored by a parent(s) or guardian(s) is a Junior.

SECTION III:

BENEFITS

Membership dues start at 30 USD per year. Membership does not follow a fiscal year so members can join at any time and reap benefits for 365 days. Members have the option to set up auto-renewal for their membership. The dues are nonrefundable.

1: General Public:

The general public does not pay membership dues and they will receive the following benefits of the organization:

- Access to the Facebook group
- Access to the Discord server
- Access to the monthly newsletter “The Spotlight”
- Access to **visit** all YMC exhibitions
- Invitations to fundraising events
- Access to all educational articles
- Invitations to other events at additional costs

2: Young Mineral Collectors:

Members will pay 30 USD per year and receive the following benefits of the organization:

- Access to the Facebook group
- Access to the Sell & Trade group
- Access to the Discord server
- Access to the monthly newsletter “The Spotlight”
- Membership Spotlights
- Participation in all YMC exhibitions
- Invitations to fundraising events
- Invitations to private YMC symposiums and events

- Access to all educational articles
- Invitations to write educational articles
- Invitations to give talks at YMC events
- Participation in field excursions
- Discounts on merchandise
- Access to scholarship applications

3: Mineral Veterans:

Members will pay 15 USD per year and receive the following benefits of the organization:

- Access to the Facebook group
- Access to the Discord server
- Access to the monthly newsletter “The Spotlight”
- Access to **visit** all YMC exhibitions
- Mentorship Spotlights
- Invitations to fundraising events
- Invitations to private YMC symposiums and events
- Access to all educational articles
- Invitations to write educational articles
- Invitations to mentor Young Mineral Collector members
- Invitations to give talks at YMC events
- Leadership on field trip excursions
- Discounts on merchandise

4: Alumni:

Members will pay 15 USD per year and receive the following benefits of the organization:

- Access to the Facebook group
- Access to the Discord server
- Access to the monthly newsletter “The Spotlight”
- Access to **visit** all YMC exhibitions
- Mentorship Spotlights
- Invitations to fundraising events
- Invitations to private YMC symposiums and events
- Access to all educational articles
- Invitations to write educational articles
- Invitations to mentor Young Mineral Collector members
- Invitations to give talks at YMC events

- Leadership on field trip excursions
- Discounts on merchandise

5: Juniors:

Juniors parental sponsors will pay 30 USD per year and receive the following benefits of the organization:

- Access to the Facebook group (Parental Figure Only)
- Access to the monthly newsletter “The Spotlight”
- Membership Spotlights (With Parental Consent)
- Participation in all YMC exhibitions (With Parental Consent)
- Invitations to fundraising events (With Chaperone)
- Invitations to private YMC symposiums and events (With Chaperone)
- Access to all educational articles
- Invitations to write educational articles (With Parental Consent)
- Invitations to give talks at YMC events (With Parental Consent)
- Participation in field excursions (With Chaperone)
- Discounts on merchandise
- Access to scholarship applications