MINIATURE DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION

How to Join MDGA and Become a Member

You apply for MDGA membership online. You pick your membership, choose your own **herd name** and **tattoo**, and pay the fee. MDGA staff review your application and email you once it's approved. It takes about 15 minutes.

mymdga.app

Type **mymdga.app** into your web browser.
You can also go to the MDGA website and click the **Member Portal** link on the home page.

Is this the right guide for you?

- **New to MDGA and want to be a member?** Yes, keep going.
- **Already an MDGA member, or have an MDGA number?** Don't apply again. Use the *How to Claim Your Account* guide instead.
- **Only want to register or transfer goats, without a membership?** Use the *How to Create a Non-Member Account* guide.

Have these ready

Email & a new password
Your email is what you'll sign in with. Password: at least 8 characters.

A herd name
It goes in front of every goat's name, so shorter is better.

A tattoo
2 to 4 letters or numbers. Have a backup in case yours is taken.

A credit card or PayPal
To pay the membership fee at the end.

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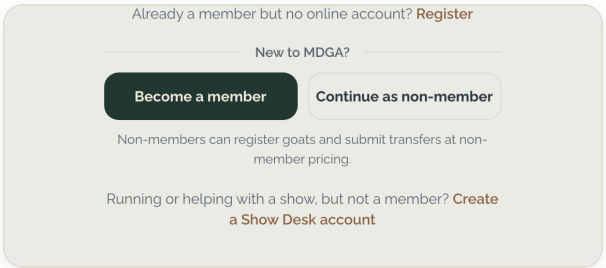
Click "Become a member"

On the sign-in page, look under *"New to MDGA?"* and click Become a member.



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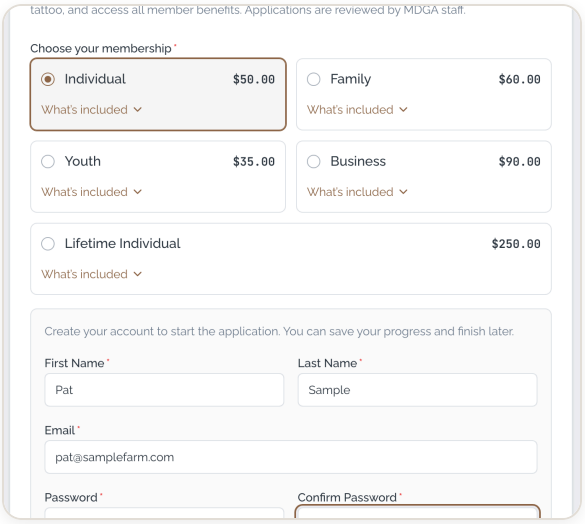
Pick your membership and create your login

Click the membership you want. Click **What's included** under any choice to see what it covers.

Individual	$50
Family	$60
Youth	$35
Business	$90
Lifetime Individual	$250



A box opens underneath. Type your **first and last name**, your **email** and a **password** (twice). Click **Create Account & Continue**.

> You can stop at any point and click **Save for Later**. To pick up where you left off, sign in at **mymdga.app**.

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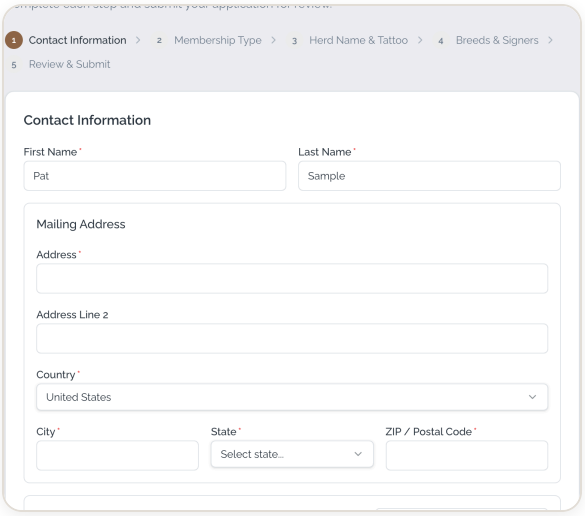
Contact information

Type your **mailing address**, **phone number**, and tick at least one way you like to be contacted. Boxes with a red * must be filled in.

If your farm is at a different address, click **Different from mailing address?**

Click **Next**.



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Membership type

This shows the membership you picked. Click **Change** if you want a different one, then click **Next**.

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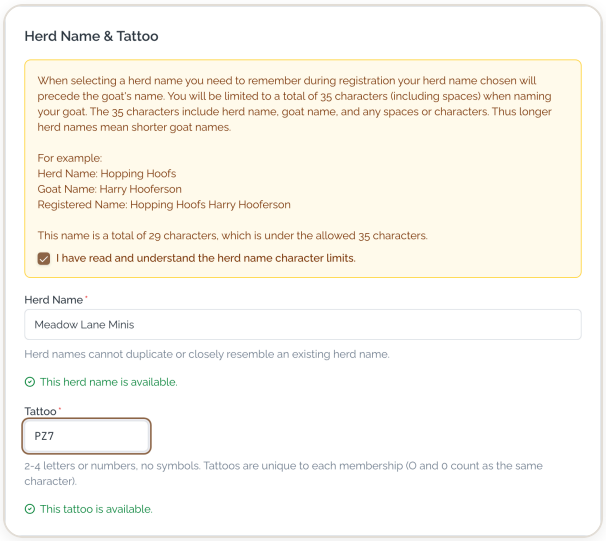
Choose your herd name and tattoo

Read the yellow box, then tick **"I have read and understand the herd name character limits."**

- **Herd Name.** A goat's full registered name is your herd name plus the goat's name, and the total can't go over **35 characters**. A short herd name leaves more room.
- **Tattoo.** 2 to 4 letters or numbers, no symbols.

The page checks each one as you type. A green **"available"** means you're good. A red message means it's taken or too close to another herd's. Try a different one.

Click **Next**.



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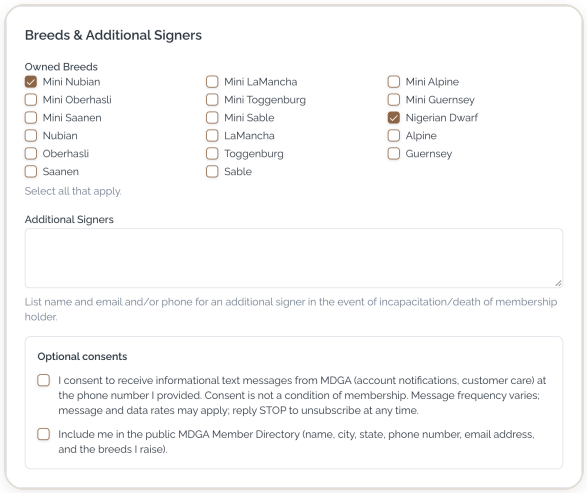
Breeds and extras

Tick the breeds you own or raise.

Additional Signers (optional): someone MDGA can deal with if you're ever unable to. List their name and email or phone.

Optional consents: tick these only if you want text messages from MDGA or a listing in the public Member Directory.

Click **Next**.



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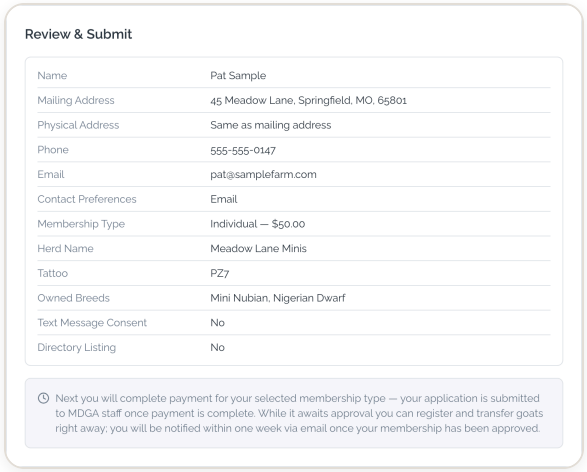
Check everything

Read through the summary. If something is wrong, click **Back** to fix it.

When it all looks right, click **Continue to Payment**.



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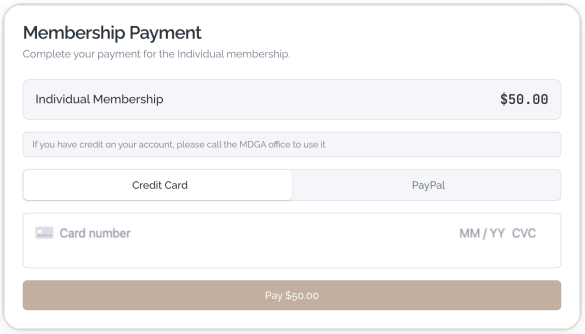
Pay the membership fee

Choose **Credit Card** or **PayPal**, enter your details, and click Pay.

Your application goes to MDGA staff as soon as the payment goes through.



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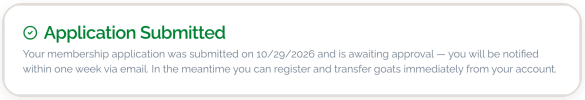
You've applied!

You'll see **Application Submitted** and get an email saying MDGA received it. **MDGA staff will email you within one week** when your membership is approved.

While you wait, you can already **register and transfer goats**. First, open the **"Verify Email Address"** email we sent and click the button in it.

Need to fix something or ask a question? Use the **Messages** box on your application page.



Next time, go to **mymdga.app**, type your email and password, and click **Sign in**. If you forget your password, click **Forgot password?**

Need help?

If the page says *"The email has already been taken,"* you already have an account with that email. Go to **mymdga.app** and click **Forgot password?**

For anything else, email us:

techsupport@minidairygoats.org