



# THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VARIABLE STAR OBSERVERS

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## AAVSO 2013 New Member Form Information

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in joining the AAVSO! On the next page is a copy of the AAVSO New Member Form. Please fill it out and return it to us at the address above.

You may also join online! Safe and secure online application and payment is possible by following these steps:

- 1) Create a web account at <http://www.aavso.org/user/register>. Fill in your username and email address, and type in the word verification (for spam protection).
- 2) Check your email for your temporary password, and log into your account. The first time you do this, you will be taken to a page called "Link Account". If you have ever created an observer code, submitted observations, or been a member of the AAVSO in the past, we already have a record for you! Please link your new web account with your old record to ensure we do not duplicate your information.
- 3) Visit <http://www.aavso.org/membership-apply> and follow the instructions on the page!

If you have any further questions about membership or the AAVSO in general, please feel free to email us at [aavso@aavso.org](mailto:aavso@aavso.org) or call us at 617-354-0484.

In addition to your dues, your contributions to the AAVSO further support the organization's activities and are very much appreciated. On the final page of this form you will find descriptions of the various funds to which you may contribute.

Welcome to the AAVSO!

Sincerely,

Arne A. Henden  
Director

*For your records:*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Building Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

JAM Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayall Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_



## SUPPORT THE AAVSO

In order to sustain the AAVSO and its operations, we rely on the generous support provided by members, sponsors, donors, and staff. Together we are the AAVSO. Your gift is a way for you to say that you believe in what we are doing and that you want it to continue moving forward. Every dollar given and membership purchased benefits the AAVSO in a necessary and unique way.

**AAVSO Building Fund:** Contributions to this fund will be used to replenish the Endowment, to refurbish the building, and to cover other costs associated with the purchase of 49 Bay State Road, Cambridge MA. We expect the new Headquarters to meet the needs of the AAVSO for decades to come, with sufficient space for growth, for safeguarding our century-long archives, and for giving us the opportunity to hold meetings and workshops at HQ.

**Janet A. Mattei Research Fellowship Fund:** Contributions to this fund help to bring a visiting scientist, postdoctoral researcher, or student to AAVSO Headquarters to perform research using the AAVSO International Database with the goal of disseminating the results throughout the astronomical community.

**Margaret W. Mayall Assistantship Fund:** Established in honor of the former Director of the AAVSO on the occasion of her retirement in 1974, this fund is used to hire summer research assistants to carry out various important technical projects of the organization.

**Member Sponsorship Program:** Contributions to this fund go toward paying for the membership dues of an active observer who otherwise would not be able to become a member of the AAVSO. The recipients are chosen by the Director based on the quality and number of observations submitted to Headquarters and the perceived benefit of membership to the observer.

**AAVSO General Fund:** Contributions to this fund help in the operation of the AAVSO, enabling us better to serve the needs of our members and the astronomical community.

If you wish to contribute to one or more of these funds please fill in the amount on the appropriate line on your renewal form and include it in the total. *All contributions are tax-deductible in the USA.*

You may also donate online at: <http://www.aavso.org/support-aavso>

Thank you for your support of the AAVSO!