

FRBC Membership

Basic Policies

To become a member, you must donate the minimum amount specified by each membership tier:

- \$40 - Basic
- \$100 - Classic
- \$250 - Sustaining
- \$500 - Conservator
- \$1,000 - Expedition Benefactor

Memberships last for 1 year from the donation, although you can sign up for automatic, yearly recurring payments, in which case your membership will renew itself each year until the recurring payments are canceled or expire.

We recognize our members publicly in our Annual Report. If you do not wish to be named, please indicate this on your membership form (online forms have a check box) or contact us to let us know. Annual Reports are typically published in February.

Dues or Donations?

At this time, all dues are donations but not all donations are dues.

Because you don't receive any tangible goods or services for your donation at this time and benefits are considered "of negligible value" by the IRS, membership dues are currently fully tax deductible. **This is subject to change.**

For a donation to make you a Member, you must either use one of the Membership Forms online, fill out one of the paper Membership Forms, or otherwise specify to us that you want the donation to be for membership.

Recurring payments for membership dues

You may sign up for automatic recurring payments for your membership, so that your total membership dues are divided among multiple regular payments. Your level is based on the TOTAL annual amount that is anticipated based on your payment plan.

At the beginning of January you will receive a tax letter which includes the total amount you donated in the fiscal year and when it was received (e.g. monthly).

Whenever a change occurs to the payment schedule that changes the total anticipated amount, e.g. you make changes to your payment schedule that result in a different annual total, or there are changes to your billing information that change the amount collected (e.g. a credit card expires and is not updated causing payments to fail), your membership will be reassigned to the appropriate level based on the new total anticipated amount.