



OGAR Membership Benefits

Membership in OGAR, the 5th largest REALTOR® association in Missouri, brings with it an enormous array of benefits to help you in your career and daily life.

FlexMLS - Multiple Listing Service

FlexMLS is the ultimate resource for real estate listings and sales in the area. This comprehensive database is an absolute must for anyone in the real estate business in the Joplin Metro area and the Southeast Kansas area.

Lockbox and Key System

For your convenience, OGAR administers a secure electronic lockbox system and electronic keys exclusively for members. This system helps you when it's time to show property, facilitating convenient showing and selling. Use of the Sentrilock electronic lockboxes are free for members to utilize; following a set of easy-to-use guidelines.

Standard Forms and Contracts

Because it is easier to do business when the listing firm and the selling firm use the same contracts, OGAR has a wide range of residential and commercial forms that have been approved by legal counsel of the Missouri REALTORS®. Forms are available on the OGAR website, and all members are provided with a subscription to manage the contracts online.

Continuing Education and Professional Development

In addition to a wide choice of both live and online CE classes, OGAR has its own accredited school (Ozark Gateway Realtor Education School) which also offers other professional development courses. OGAR offers convenient schedules and locations for these vital courses to ensure members meet state continuing education requirements, with most classes available at no cost to members.

www.theogar.com

This is your source for all things OGAR. Check out currently scheduled CE classes, upcoming events or meetings you might be interested in. Access the Code of Ethics and MLS Rules and Regulations. The website also includes links to other industry sites. Important real estate forms and contracts are available through our members-only log-in.

Technology Services

OGAR offers a variety of assistance with agent-friendly software products, such as phone apps that provide remote MLS access, management of electronic lockboxes, and more. Free quarterly technology classes are offered to keep you up-to-date on the latest cutting edge technology available. All are geared toward helping you grow and market your business.

Jasper County Beacon & Newton County Midland GIS

Members can take advantage of a discounted yearly subscription to the Jasper County, Missouri Beacon and the Newton County, Missouri Midland GIS Websites.

Volunteer & Community Involvement Opportunities

OGAR offers many opportunities for members to offer input for the Association's programs, products and services. Members are encouraged to participate by joining a committee, task force, work group or advisory group. Simply call the office at 417-782-6161 and let us know what interests you. Together we will find the proper place to make the best use of your talents and abilities. OGAR also facilitates events that get our members involved in giving back to their community. Various fundraising efforts that benefit local charities are held throughout the year.

Events

OGAR offers a variety of events to its members, including our annual REALTOR Installation Banquet, RPAC auctions, networking events and much more. A multiplicity of activities provides every REALTOR® an opportunity to participate and get involved in their association. Members are also allowed access to the conference center as a space to rent for various business and personal needs.

Member Communication

REALTORS TODAY, the OGAR monthly newsletter, keeps you up-to-date on local and national industry events. You can find the currently-posted issue of REALTORS TODAY as well as archived issues in our MLS and on our website.

OGAR REALTOR® Store

You can purchase Missouri REALTOR® socks, brochure boxes, sign riders, stakes, cell phone wallets, mobile phone stands and more right in the convenient REALTOR® store at the association office. We also offer free area maps and have a real estate library that offers books to enhance your career. OGAR members can take advantage of specials on one or more of our board store items each month.

Professional Standards

All members of OGAR subscribe to a strict Code of Ethics and arbitration ethics as established by the National Association of REALTORS®. Adherence to the Code of Ethics is strictly monitored through various mediation and arbitration processes. The Code of Ethics is one of the most important features of your membership because your clients can be assured that you are part of one of the most recognized and respected organizations in the world.

RPAC/Advocacy

The REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) is dedicated to protecting private property rights and REALTORS® interests in the legislative arena. In addition, RPAC supports political candidates at the local, state and national level that understand the issues of importance to REALTORS®, in particular the issue of private property rights. RPAC is “Your Best Investment in Real Estate.”

Public Awareness Campaigns

Throughout the year, OGAR and NAR run advertisements touting the advantages of working with a REALTOR®. These ads are designed to direct prospective buyers and sellers to seek out the use of a REALTOR®.

Information Central

Our highly trained staff, with specialists in events, and in every department; advocacy, communication, education, legislation, member services, MLS, real estate issues, and more; are available to offer excellent customer service and to help answer your questions. In addition to REALTOR® Membership, OGAR also offers membership options for industry related Affiliates.

Joining OGAR

For additional information on joining OGAR as a REALTOR® or Affiliate Member, contact the Membership Department at 417-782-6161. Membership applications for Affiliates can be found on our website, www.theogar.com, under the “OGAR Affiliates” tab.