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- periodic issues of the *Beeline*, the MSBA newsletter, keeping you up-to-date with beekeeping news and events
- discounted subscriptions to major beekeeping publications, including the *American Bee Journal* and *Bee Culture*
- authorization to purchase from the MVA beautiful, unique MSBA license tags for your vehicle (MVA charges a vanity tag fee)

Two membership options are offered: **Annual**, \$10 per calendar year, and **Lifetime**, a \$200 one-time payment. Donations earmarked for the Apiary Inspection fund are forwarded directly to the MD Dept. of Agriculture and help keep our bees healthy in Maryland. Other donations are used by the association as specified.

Register via email & paypal via the <u>website</u> or complete the attached application. Include the amount for your membership, \$15 for an optional MSBA license plate application if desired, and an additional donation if possible. Mail to: MSBA Treasurer

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Street:	
City,ST,Zip:	
County:	
Email:	
Phone #s:	
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