Membership:

The Game Developers Guild aims at creating an environment that is conducive to the learning and development of games and as well as the growth of game development professionals. In order to accomplish this, we work hard at maintaining an environment that is fun and healthy for everyone to partake in. Much like an ecosystem, if there is an entity that affects the environment in a negative fashion, it may cause the destruction of the entire ecosystem, and we like to ensure that it does not happen. That said, everyone in the South Florida community (students and nonstudents) regardless of experience level is welcome to join. This group is open to game programmers, designers, artists, musicians, and anyone interested in any of those areas of game development.

How to apply for membership?

1- Complete the registration at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QT356XH
2 - Send an email expressing your interest in joining the guild
to: GDGMembershipCommittee@gmail.com
3 - Sign up for one of our general meetings
at: http://gamedevelopersguild.eventbrite.com/
4 - Show up to our general meeting.

How is membership decided?

Membership Committee: Membership is decided by a committee of three guild members who are part of the Game Developers Guild's membership committee. The identity of these members is maintained a secret and is only known to those members and the guild master. The fact that their identities are hidden means that anyone you meet in the guild hall could potentially be one of these three members. Their selections

criteria include but is not limited to:

Interests: If you are not interested in game development and/or learning about it, then this is not the place for you.

Personality: We all have unique personalities and quirks. We are not interest in changing who you are, either you are a match for the group and fit in perfectly, or you don't. It is our desire that everyone in the guild enjoys being there and this is not possible if there is friction among the members.

Member Interaction: Similar to personality, if you just don't fit with the members and/or don't feel comfortable with them, then this is probably not a good place for you. This is all about being part of a community.

Note: If a decision is made and your membership is denied, we asked that you abide by the decision and not cause any trouble for the other members. If you are asked not to show up at the meetings, we ask that you listen and don't show up. We really don't want any kind of scene. You can always reapply for membership in three months time. And your application will be reviewed once again.

Why you may not become a member?

There are many reasons why you may not become a member as listed above. You know yourself better than anyone. One sure way to know right away if you are a match or not for the group is to see if you fall into any of the archetypes described below:

The Resume Builder: If you are the kind of person who thinks "Oh, this will look great on my resume" this is definitely **not** the place for you. A resume is not something that you set out to build. A resume is something that is built by the things you set out to do. If you are here, is because your interest lies in game development and everything else is just adjacent.

The One: If you are one of those "I am the greatest.", "I can do this on my own if I wanted to; who needs you….", "I am so great, worship me" kind of people. This is **not** the place for you. People come to learn and work with one another while having a good time. Pride can be a great motivator to get great things done. But too much pride that gets in the way can be destructive.

The Rules Lawyer: If you one of those "You can't deny me membership into the guild, because your rule states that…." If you have been denied membership it is probably with good reason, whether you can see it or not. If that still doesn't make you happy, be

informed that the guild master reserves the right to remove anyone whose actions he/she does not deem conducive to the guild.

The Troll: If you are the type to simply criticize for the sake of arguing, this is definitely **not** the place for you. Criticisms should be of the constructive kind.

How to maintain your membership?

While you are a member, there are a few things to bear in mind in order to maintain your membership:

No Time Wasting: The idea of the guild is to have a place where you can go and work and/or learn about video game development. This is not a place to come socialize and play your favorite game on your laptop the entire time. You should be working on a project or involved with those working on one.

No Trolling: This is a constructive environment and therefore criticism should be of the constructive kind.

Why you may lose your membership?

If you have been officially accepted it means you have been found to be a good match for the guild and its environment. Once this happens it is very unlikely that you may lose your membership. That said, acceptance of membership in the guild does not warrant lifetime membership. You may lose your membership if you end up breaking any of the aforementioned tenets. Also, if it just turns out that you do not fit with the guild in the long run, though this later one is rare.