

Knox County ARES Membership

Requirements for membership in the Knox County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (KCARES). Exceptions for special circumstances (e.g. mobility limited, etc.) will be approved by the Knox County Emergency Coordinator:

- ARES is something you do, not something you have.
- Applicant must hold a currently valid amateur radio license issued by the FCC. If the license is allowed to lapse, the membership in ARES is terminated until the license is reactivated.
- To be approved for possible deployment on a limited basis:
 - Applicant must complete current versions of FEMA courses ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700 and ICS-800 and provide copies of certificates or an official transcript from FEMA to the Emergency Coordinator (K4BLB@arrl.net)
 - Applicant must complete the ARRL EC-001 Introduction to Emergency Communications course OR the no-cost Kentucky Emergency Communication course at <http://www.kyham.net/emcomm/training/kytest.html>
 - Applicant must annually participate in at least two emergency communication deployments or training exercises.

Upon submission and verification of the above requirements:

- A list of ARES members who have completed the registration, training and participation requirements will be provided to the Knox County Court Clerk's office. The Clerk will grant the fee reduction for Emergency automobile plates to only those whose names appear on the list.
- Successful ARES applicants who complete the required training will receive a yellow membership badge with applicant's name, call sign, license class and training records.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-4-229

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, to be eligible for an amateur radio license plate **without paying the fee prescribed by § 55-4-203(a)(4)(A)(ii)** in addition to the regular fee for the plate, the registrant shall furnish proof to the commissioner, through the county clerk, that the **registrant is a member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)**.

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