



# AAJA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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## MEMBERSHIP TYPES

### FULL MEMBERSHIP: \$65

Available to those who receive a majority of their income from or spend the majority of their work time involved in journalistic work -- including freelance work -- for newspapers, magazines, wire services, radio stations or networks, television stations or networks, cable outlets, news-oriented public affairs departments, online-related divisions of a news-oriented organization, online-only news organizations, other bona-fide news organizations or educational institutions.

Accepted journalistic work includes reporting, writing, editing, photography, anchoring, producing, directing, research, design, teaching journalism and other functions that have direct impact on the gathering or presentation of the news. The membership status for those who work for non-news media online companies may be reviewed by the membership committee.

Full membership is also available to those who have left journalism, but who were AAJA members and journalists (as defined above) for 5 or more consecutive years.

Full membership is also available to journalists who are currently between jobs, including those who are freelancing. (Those who were already full members would continue in that status.) These temporarily unemployed journalists will be eligible for reduced dues for the first two years they are unemployed.

Full membership is also available to executives involved in the hiring of journalists and to artists and technicians involved in the news gathering process. Full members are eligible to vote and hold office.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: \$65

Available to former journalists, public or community affairs representatives of bona-fide news companies, and non-journalists who have particular expertise or services they can offer AAJA. Associate Members are NOT eligible to vote and CANNOT hold office except for the position of Treasurer.

### RETIRED MEMBERSHIP: \$25

Available to persons age 62 and over who have previously worked full time or part time as a journalist. Retired Members are NOT eligible to vote and CANNOT hold office except for the position of Treasurer.

### STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: \$25

(Copy of most current student ID required.) Available to enrolled high school, undergraduate, or graduate students who intend to pursue a career in journalism. Recent graduates who have yet to obtain their first job may also become Student Members. Once they get their first job, they must become Full or Associate Members. Student Members are NOT eligible to vote and CANNOT hold office. They may participate on committees and attend meetings.

### GOLD MEMBERSHIP: \$100\*

\* TAX DEDUCTIBLE LESS \$65 TOWARD BASIC MEMBER DUES

**Gold (Full):** Benefits same as Full Membership.

**Gold (Associate):** Benefits same as Associate Membership.

### PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP: \$750\*\*

\*\* TAX DEDUCTIBLE LESS \$65 TOWARD BASIC MEMBER DUES AND VALUE OF CONVENTION REGISTRATION.

**Platinum (Full):** Benefits same as Full Membership.

**Platinum (Associate):** Benefits same as Associate Membership

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ❖ Access to local and national networking opportunities with professional journalists, new media executives, students and supporters.
- ❖ Acquire new skills in a constantly changing field through local chapters or at AAJA conventions.
- ❖ Excellent means of support for common issues faced by APIs working in the news media.
- ❖ First to know about career listings, national programs, convention and other news via weekly AAJA listserv announcements.
- ❖ Eligibility to apply for fellowships, mentorship and other professional programs offered by AAJA.
- ❖ Entry fee waived for AAJA National Journalism Awards competition.
- ❖ Discounted registration fee for the AAJA National and UNITY Conventions.
- ❖ Listing on online membership roster.
- ❖ Recognition of special achievement or career transitions in Member News on AAJA's web site.
- ❖ Free access to post resume/bio and apply for jobs directly through AAJA's online Career Listings.
- ❖ Free 30-minute phone consultation with AAJA's legal counsel.
- ❖ Opportunity to save time and money on the online products and services you use most while also supporting your favorite non-profit organization, AAJA!

Other member benefits and discounts listed online at [www.aaja.org](http://www.aaja.org) and may be added by AAJA. Benefits are subject to change

### Additional Benefits to GOLD Members:

\* Acknowledgement in the AAJA annual report and expedited convention registration.

### Additional Benefits to PLATINUM Members:

\* In addition to basic benefits, Platinum members receive acknowledgement in the AAJA annual report, receive a complimentary and expedited convention registration, VIP seating at AAJA Gala, and an invitation to President's Reception and other special events.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**MEMBERSHIP IS BASED ON THE CALENDAR YEAR**, January to December, regardless of when dues are received. Allow 2-4 weeks for processing.

**MEMBERSHIP IN AAJA** is acknowledgement of AAJA's mission to provide a means of association and support among Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) journalists; provide encouragement, information, advice and scholarship assistance to AAPI students who aspire to professional journalism careers; provide to the AAPI community an awareness of news media and an understanding of how to gain fair access; and, research and point out when news media organizations stray from accuracy and fairness in the coverage of AAPIs.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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