



# SAPA



Society of Army Physician Assistants

*"A Civilian Organization Representing Army PA's"*

## Society of Army Physician Assistants Membership Information

The SAPA Membership year will be from 1 August through 31 July. Membership dues are \$25.00 for Fellow (F), Associate (A) and Affiliate (O) members. Student (S) dues are \$5.00 per year. You may pay for multiple years of membership when renewing. Dues may be paid by cash, check (payable to SAPA), money order, Visa, MasterCard or American Express. Please annotate on your renewal form the number of years you wish to pay and multiply that number by \$25.00. All of your dues, contributions or gifts to SAPA can be eligible for tax deduction since no portion of these monies is used for lobbying purposes. At Present, no "Life" membership is offered for purchase.

## Membership Classifications

**"Fellow" (F)** Dues are \$25.00 per year

Fellow members must be a graduate of a CAHEA approved Physician Assistant (PA) training program, certified by the NCCPA, commissioned as a PA in the Active Duty Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve or an Honorably Retired PA from one of these branches of service...**AND**... is a current member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) who **designates SAPA** as their Constituent Chapter. Fellow members shall vote for officers, vote on Society and Academy issues, and make motions from the floor at Society meetings. Physician Assistants who are graduates of civilian PA Programs, who are recruited as PA's into the Active Army, National Guard or Active Army Reserve who do not remain until retirement, may be Fellow members of SAPA until they leave the service, so long as they continue to meet all other criteria for SAPA Fellow members. Only current Fellow members of SAPA may hold office within SAPA. The President of SAPA will be granted a special "lifetime" membership once their year of duties has been completed if approved by the BOD.

**"Associate" (A)** Dues are \$25.00 per year

Associate members are those who meet all the qualifications for "fellow" membership but are either not current members of the AAPA or do not designate SAPA as their Constituent Chapter with AAPA. Associate members shall vote for officers, vote on Society and Academy issues, and make motions from the floor at Society meetings but shall not vote on AAPA issues or for Delegates to the American Academy of Physician Assistant House of Delegates. Associate members are not eligible to hold office within SAPA unless they meet the requirements to become a "fellow" member.

**“Affiliate” (O)** Dues are \$25.00 per year

Affiliate Members may be Physician Assistants of other branches of the military, federal, state or civilian based medical practice and/or physicians, other medical professionals, business firms and others interested in and supportive of SAPA. These members may not vote or have any function in the conduct of SAPA affairs. They may receive the SAPA newsletter and attend SAPA meetings and events. They may not address the membership of SAPA unless approved by the SAPA President or the SAPA BOD. They will receive the same discounts for SAPA conference registration and other SAPA functions as fellow members.

**“Honorary” (H)** Honorary members are appointed by the Board of Directors and are not required to pay dues. Honorary membership may be conferred upon persons who have rendered distinguished service in the Physician Assistant concept. Nominations for honorary membership may be submitted by any Fellow (F) or Associate (A) member to the Board of Directors who will review submitted documentation and by a majority vote confer such membership status. Those nominees who are eligible for Fellow or Associate membership will retain the rights of the Society of such membership. Honorary members who are not eligible for Fellow or Associate membership will have all the rights and privileges of the Society except voting, making motions, and holding office.

**“Student” (S)** Membership dues are \$5.00 per year. Graduating students will be granted one free year membership.

Student membership shall be conferred upon those applicants who are in training at the Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP) or an approved CAHEA PA training program and upon graduation are expected to be commissioned in the Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserves. Student members may not vote on Society or Academy issues, officers, or Delegates. A Student member may not make motions, but may, with the consent of the membership, address the Society.

**Instructions:** You may download the membership form to begin your application for membership or renewal. Please write legibly so your information can be placed into the membership director’s database correctly. Be sure to enclose your payment or complete credit card information along with your membership application and mail to the following address:

SAPA  
PO BOX 4068  
Waynesville, MO. 65583-4068

You may *fax* your renewal form (if paying by credit card) to (888) 711-8543.

Be sure to e-mail any personal information updates to the membership director ASAP. Thank you for choosing SAPA as your organization which represents Physician Assistants.

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