

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION CHART

Membership Category	Overview of Category Members	Privileges	Term of Membership	Continuing Study Requirements	National AAFP Dues	Constituent and Local
STUDENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students enrolled in allopathic or osteopathic medical schools that are approved by appropriate U.S. accrediting institutions as defined by the AAFP Commission on Education. 	May have floor at Assembly. <i>(Duly elected student delegates to Congress have additional privileges.)</i>	Terminates upon graduation from medical school.	None	\$15.00 one-time payment for duration of medical school.	Membership is unified; members are required to belong to AAFP (national) and their constituent (state) chapters. They also may be required to belong to their component (local) chapter in accordance with the requirements of their constituent chapter's bylaws. All chapter dues are set locally. Total annual dues information may be obtained from AAFP headquarters.
RESIDENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physicians training in ACGME-accredited three-year FM residencies. Physicians training in AOA-approved rotating general or FM internships and AOA-approved general or FM residencies. Graduates of ACGME or AOA FM residencies immediately extending training or entering fellowships. 	May vote and have floor at Assembly. May hold constituent chapter office and national commission appointments.	Upon completion of residency or extended training, the member is transferred to Active category.	None	\$25.00 annual dues <i>(July 1 to June 30)</i>	
ACTIVE	<p>Physicians elected to Active membership after Dec. 31, 1988 must: (1) be three-year, ACGME FM residency trained; or (2) have completed either an AOA-approved one-year rotating general or FM internship plus two years of an AOA-approved general or FM residency, or an AOA-approved three-year general or FM residency; or (3) have completed a FM residency program approved by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and who were subsequently board certified by the CFPC and practice exclusively within the U.S.; or (4) be Board-Certified by the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) through reciprocity agreements between the ABFM and foreign colleges of family medicine or general practice; or (5) have held Active membership prior to or as of Dec. 31, 1988. Additionally, applicants must be duly licensed, meet CME requirements for entry into the Active category <i>(see reverse side)</i> and one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physicians engaged in the practice of family medicine. Physicians applying after Dec. 31, 1988 who are engaged in the practice of emergency medicine. Physicians engaged in full-time teaching of family medicine or full-time medical administration. 	May have floor at Assembly, vote and hold office.	Three years	150 credits of approved CME every three years. <i>(New applicants: see reverse side.)</i>	\$365.00 annual dues <i>(Jan. 1 to Dec. 31)</i>	
SUPPORTING	Upon nomination and endorsement by a constituent chapter, physicians may be elected to Supporting membership. They shall consist of two types and meet one of the following two requirements:	(1) & (2) May have floor at Assembly. May not hold national office or commission appointment and may not vote in national affairs. Privileges of Supporting members in constituent chapters may be determined under the Bylaws of individual constituent chapters.	(1) One year (2) Three year	(1) None (2) 150 credits of approved CME every three years.	(1) & (2) \$260.00 annual dues <i>(Jan. 1 to Dec. 31)</i>	
(1) (NON-FP)	(1) Physicians in specialties other than family medicine who are not otherwise eligible for some other category of membership must meet criteria established by the AAFP Board of Directors. Criteria are based on activities that support and enhance the family medicine specialty. Physicians must also be licensed to practice in a geographic area in which a constituent chapter exists.					
(2) (FP)	(2) Physicians who have been actively engaged in the practice or teaching of family medicine or in medical administration for the previous six years but who do not qualify for Active membership because they did not complete the necessary residency training, or because they did not hold or apply for Active membership prior to January 1, 1989. Additionally, applicants must be duly licensed and meet CME requirements for entry into the Supporting category. <i>(See reverse side.)</i>					
INTERNATIONAL	<p>Physicians outside of the United States engaged in FM, the teaching of FM, or medical administration who are licensed to practice in countries or territories outside the U.S. in which no constituent chapter exists and who are not eligible for membership in the Uniformed Services Chapter.</p> <p>Medical students and physicians in training in countries or territories outside the U.S. in which no constituent chapter exists and who are not eligible for membership in the Uniformed Services chapter may be elected to International membership.</p>	May have floor at Assembly. May not hold national office or commission appointment and may not vote in national affairs.	One year	None	\$110.00 annual dues <i>(Jan. 1 to Dec. 31)</i> \$35.00 annual dues for international medical students <i>(Jan. 1 to Dec. 31)</i>	
INACTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members who are incapacitated by reason of illness, accident, or infirmity. Members who are completely retired from the practice of medicine with less than 20 years continued membership. Active, Resident and (FP) Supporting members who interrupt their practice or residency training due to extenuating circumstances. <i>(See reverse side.)</i> 	May have floor at Assembly but may not vote or hold office.	One year unless the member is completely retired.	None	\$50 annual dues <i>(Jan. 1 to Dec. 31)</i>	
LIFE	<p>Members who have continued membership for a minimum of twenty years and who meet one of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 70 or over. Completely retired from the practice of medicine. 	May vote and have floor at Assembly. May not hold office.	Life	None	\$350.00 one-time national dues effective Jan. 1 following transfer to Life membership. <i>(Jan. 1 to Dec. 31)</i>	

ELIGIBILITY FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

If applicant has never been an Active member, or has not held Active membership within the last two years, CME credits are not required. If the applicant has held Active membership within the last two years, the applicant must provide evidence of 100 CME credits completed during the two years immediately preceding application.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP

If applicant has never been a Supporting FP member, or has not held Supporting FP membership within the last two years, CME credits are not required. If the applicant has held Supporting membership within the last two years, the applicant must provide evidence of 100 CME credits completed during the two years immediately preceding application.

ELIGIBILITY FOR INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ Justification for extenuating circumstances are subject to interpretation and approval by AAFP Board of Directors.
- ✓ No member shall be considered for inactive membership unless he or she has first been placed in this status by his or her respective constituent chapter.
- ✓ No person may hold Inactive membership who does not hold a current medical license because such license has been revoked as a result of a disciplinary action.
- ✓ Election to Inactive membership shall be for a maximum of one year, unless the member is totally retired, provided, however, that an Inactive member may be re-elected to this classification annually by the Board of Directors.

CONTINUING STUDY REQUIREMENTS

Active and Supporting members with a CME requirement must accrue and report, within each three year re-election term, a minimum of 150 credits of approved CME of which at least 75 must be AAFP prescribed credit.

DEFINITION OF “APPROVED CME”

In interpreting the “postgraduate study of a nature acceptable to the AAFP Board of Directors,” the general rule is that all AAFP-approved activities are acceptable. Contact with the individual’s constituent (state) chapter is recommended to determine whether an applicant’s credits are acceptable for membership or transfer to another membership classification.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- ✓ Applications are approved at the constituent chapter level, subject to AAFP Bylaws. Applications for student and resident membership are approved at the national level, subject to AAFP bylaws.
- ✓ National headquarters completes enrollment. Transfers from one classification to another must generally be approved by the constituent chapter.
- ✓ If all membership requirements are met, membership is continued on an annual basis, unless notification is received from the member.

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Refer to the AAFP Bylaws for specific wording on requirements.*



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