

APTA Student Membership FAQs:

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Please find below the top questions and answers about the **APTA Student Membership** program.

How do I join as a Student Member with APTA?

If you are joining APTA as a Student Member, please visit <u>www.APTA.com/student</u> to learn about the tremendous resources and benefits of membership. You can join today online as long as you meet the eligibility criteria to launch your connection to the transportation industry.

- The dues for APTA Student Membership are a flat fee of \$25.00 per year.
- The APTA membership year begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the following year.
- After April 1 of each year, your membership will cover 15 months of membership.

What are the benefits of APTA Student Membership?

Your APTA Student Membership gives you access to a host of powerful tools: knowledge building, thought leadership, scholarship opportunities, and APTA's advocacy initiatives. You will also have access to webinars, a subscription to the award-winning E-Magazine *Passenger Transport*, safety and security resources, and opportunities for professional development and networking.

Most of all, your APTA Student Membership provides you **FREE registration** to education sessions and the EXPO hall at the Annual Conference, value: \$2500+.

• Transform and EXPO 2023: October 8 – 11, 2023 in Orlando FL

- Student Registration: Complimentary
- Student Registration with meals: Discounted Rate coming soon.
 - Register online: coming soon
- Important Note: All Student Member attendees to the annual Transform Conference (regardless of age) will be provided non-alcoholic beverage tickets at APTA receptions and events.



Who is eligible for Student Membership?

Any individual who is actively enrolled in a college or university program with an interest in public transportation. You may be a college freshman, sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student. You may also be enrolled in community college. Open to part-time and full-time students.

Students who may be pursuing a degree in engineering, architecture, business, communications, public policy and more are encouraged to join. Great news: You may continue your APTA Student Membership for one-year after the completion of your degree, while you pursue employment within the transportation industry.

Eligibility requirements:

- Proof of eligibility can include one of the three following credentials:
 - 1. a college student I.D. that provides issuance date and/or expire date
 - 2. a letter from your college program director, or
 - 3. a letter from the college registrar.
- Upload your college verification information online (file type: pdf, jpg, png)
- Questions? Contact: CBellerdine@apta.com

How do I join and pay for my APTA Student Membership?

You may join and pay for your APTA Student Membership online at www.APTA.com/student

- Set up an online profile and password to gain access
- Upload your college verification information
- Pay online: \$25/year confirmation and welcome letter received immediately

Do I have to be an active Student Member to join an APTA committee?

Yes, joining APTA committees is a benefit of membership.

- Students may join several APTA committees, except those that are invitation only, or that have prerequisites.
- Students are encouraged to join a limited number of committees to ensure active engagement.
- Students should use the chat feature when joining a committee meeting to identify themselves as a Student Member
- Important Note: Students are non-voting members of APTA.

What is included in my APTA Student Membership?

Please see the APTA Student Member Took Kit for a summary of benefits, quick links, setting up your APTA Profile, and connecting on APTA's social media: Instagram: <u>@APTA_Transit</u> Twitter: <u>@APTA_info</u> LinkedIn: <u>American Public Transportation Association</u>

Graduating Soon, Can I Keep My Membership?

What Happens After Graduation?

Great news: APTA stands with you as you begin your career search. You may continue your APTA Student Membership for one-year after graduation while you seek employment leveraging the Career Center, APTAConnect and other member benefits!

Once your Student Membership expires, you may transition to a Transit Agency or Business membership in the appropriate category once you are employed in the industry. If your employer is an APTA member, you will be added to your employer's member roster and continue to receive member benefits without any further financial commitment from you.

Find out if your employer is an APTA member here

May I cancel my APTA Student Membership?

You may cancel your APTA Student Membership at any time. When cancelling your APTA membership, you need only notify APTA member services that you do not wish for the membership to renew.

How Can I Find Out More? Questions?

Please contact Chris Bellerdine for general information about activating your student membership. E: <u>CBellerdine@apta.com</u>