

Membership Information

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Academy for Eating Disorders Frequently Asked Membership Questions

1. When will my first issue of IJED arrive?

If you joined AED prior to January 1 – your first copy of the *IJED* will begin with the January issue. Please note that it may take up to two months to receive your first copy depending upon when you joined.

2. Is the membership cost prorated?

No, membership costs are not prorated, but if you joined between October 1 and December 31, you will have immediate access to the AED listservs and members only area of the website. You will receive a full subscription to the *IJED* beginning in January.

3. How much will I save on the conference fee if I join?

Members receive discounted registration for AED Annual Conferences and AED sponsored educational conferences and training seminars. The average discount is \$45-55.

4. What are SIGs?

AED's Special Interest Groups allow individuals with shared interests to discuss and collaborate on specific issues within the eating disorder field. The SIGs bring together members with personal and professional interests in distinct areas of eating disorders -- body image, family therapy, medical care and psychodynamic psychotherapy, just to name a few. Each SIG organizes itself around those specific activities that best serve its practitioner -- and research-based constituencies. Many SIGs have separate meetings at the annual AED conference. SIGs also support interesting, educational and lively e-mail forums for information exchange. Choosing to join a SIG may be one of the most important decisions of your career. Currently, there are 25 active SIGs!!!

5. What are the benefits specific to students?

Student members of the AED must be full-time students in a degree program, or physicians-in-training with interest or involvement in the field of eating and related disorders. Student members are entitled to all benefits of regular membership, and may choose whether or not they wish to receive the *IJED*.

6. At what point does the student membership transition to a full membership?

At completion of an advanced degree meeting full criteria within their field, student members transition to full membership.

7. After joining, will I have the opportunity to become involved with AED leadership committees?

Yes, by joining the community of AED members, you have immediate access to a global, multidisciplinary network of professionals and valuable resources. All AED members are eligible to participate in AED leadership roles. Lend your skills or learn new ones while helping contribute to and guide AED's support for members and the field.

8. Does the AED have an introductory membership rate?

The Introductory Membership is a <u>one-year</u> reduced rate to members who are new to the AED, or those coming back to the AED after a hiatus of 5 years or longer. Introductory Members will have 1) access to the *International Journal of Eating Disorders (IJED)* and AED "Forum" Newsletter; 2) be able to hold office positions; 3) vote on AED issues and 4) be eligible for reduced conference registration fees. The Introductory Membership fee is \$189.

9. Does the AED have a professional membership rate for those who move from student to regular membership?

The New Professional Membership is designed to support members who move from student membership to regular membership as a "career ladder" approach to membership. Requirements are 1) must have been an AED student member within the last two years; 2) members will receive this discount for two years. Members may either use the Introductory Rate for one year **OR** the New Professional Rate for two years (not both).

Academy for Eating Disorders Membership Benefits

Membership in the Academy for Eating Disorders has several benefits! For more information, ask a member of the membership committee or go to www.aedweb.org.

Resources

- International Journal of Eating Disorders (IJED)
- AED "Forum" newsletter
- "Find a professional near you" under the "for the public" section of the website
- Eating Disorders Guide to Medical Management
- Media Advisories & Guidelines

Conferences and Seminars

- International Conference on Eating Disorders (ICED)
- Educational Seminars/conferences sponsored by AED

Networking

- Participate in "Linked In" with other group members
 - o Networking tool on a professional basis
 - o Job networking can be seen as a credential, meaningful associations
 - o Can have AED members only group as well as public group
- AED Listserv (networking, referrals, discussion)
- AED SIG's
- AED leadership roles/committee participation

Funding

- AED travel scholarships (for clinicians/early career/students)
- AED student research awards

Continuing Education and Professional Development

- International Conference on Eating Disorders (ICED)
- CE credits for some *IJED* articles

International Advocacy

• Advocacy efforts and position statements are listed on the web



Join a SIG ... your home in the AED

Why are Special Interest Groups (SIGs) valuable?

AED SIGS are comprised of AED members with common experiences and interests who share their skills and knowledge with each other and with other AED members. Some of these interests are based on the type of work members do. Other interests may reflect a personal desire to learn or share particular expertise. SIGs offer AED members a platform from which to demonstrate and share information, especially with a view to educating other professionals and the public. SIGs contribute to the Academy by serving as "think tanks" or focus groups that steer the Academy in new directions.

What are the types of projects and activities offered through the SIGs?

Typical SIG activities include:

- Annual meetings at AED conferences and regional educational projects like Teaching Days and miniconferences
- o Career advice and mentorship
- Professional training and education
- o Research development and collaboration
- o Communication-link via individual SIG listservs
- o Professional networking and collaboration on a global level
- o Literature resource development
- o Partnering with other professional associations and organizations

How do I join a SIG?

To join a Special Interest Group:

- o Contact the SIG Chair or Co-Chair. Email addresses are available online on the SIG Web site page
- O At the Annual Meeting fill out the membership form available at the conference SIG booth

AED members are welcome to join as many SIGs as they wish. SIG membership is a free benefit for all AED members.

Can I form a new SIG if I don't see one that interests me?

Any AED member can propose the formation of a new SIG. Go to <u>www.aedweb.org</u> and click on the link "For ED Professionals" and go to 'Special Interest Groups". Details about the process for proposing a new SIG are outlined there.

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Listserv Instructions

Using the AED Listserv:

- 1. All listserv postings are sent to the e-mail address you have on file with AED and are posted online.
- 2. Each e-mail includes information on how to reply to a posting, start a new posting or unsubscribe from the list.
- 3. You may view and Reply To messages by logging on to the AED Listserv on the Web site or by using the e-mail address aed-members@groups.aedweb.org.

Configuring your e-mail delivery:

- 1. Go to the AED Web site (http://www.aedweb.org)
- 2. <u>Log in to the Members-Only area</u> using your unique member ID and password. [If you've forgotten your log-in info, follow the login-help instructions on the <u>log-in page</u>.]
- 3. Click on AED Listserv in the dropdown menu under "AED Members"
- 4. Click on 'my account' at the top of the page. Click the drop-down menu under 'email setting', and choose 'mail' or 'mime-digest'. To UNSUBSCRIBE, choose 'nomail'. Your choices will be saved automatically.
- 5. Click on 'listserv home' to return to the list of forums.

To change your e-mail for the listsery:

- 1. Log in to the Members Only area of the AED Web site.
- 2. Click on 'Edit Your Profile' in the dropdown menu under "AED Members"
- 3. Enter your new e-mail and click 'Submit'.

To start a NEW discussion topic:

Online:

- 1. Go to the AED Web site (http://www.aedweb.org)
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- 3. Click on AED Listserv in the dropdown menu under "AED Members"
- 4. Click on 'AED Members'
- 5. Click 'post new topic'
- 6. Enter a subject and message, and click 'post'.

Via e-mail

1. Send a message to aedweb.org. The message must come from the e-mail address which you are subscribed with.

To respond to an existing message or discussion topic:

Online:

- 1. Log in to the Members Only area of the AED Web site.
- 2. Click on AED Listserv in the dropdown menu under "AED Members"
- 3. Click on 'AED Members'
- 4. Browse to the thread you'd like to post a response to.
- 5. Click 'reply'
- 6. Enter a subject and message, and click 'post'.

Via e-mail:

- 1. Open the e-mail message to which you'd like to respond. Type your response, and send the e-mail. The message must come from the e-mail address which you are subscribed with.
- 2. IMPORTANT NOTE: replying to a listserv message will send your message to the ENTIRE list. If you wish to send your response to the original sender, address a new message to that person's e-mail.

Subject lines:

Always use a clear, concise subject line when posting a message. If posting a referral, ALWAYS put REFERRAL in the subject line so that those who do not wish to review referrals can quickly skip over or delete these messages in their e-mail in-box.

To unsubscribe from the AED Listsery:

- 1. Go to the AED Web site (http://www.aedweb.org)
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Explore!

We invite you to explore the other options available to you. You can personalize your Listserv experience by clicking on Options > My Profile. There you can upload a photo of yourself, add personal information to your profile, and manage your message delivery preferences. If you have any questions about the features or if you're new to using listserv discussions, click on Help at the top of the page. This built in assistance can answer many of your questions about using the listserv functionality.