AGENCY MEMBERSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible to become an APHA Agency Member?

Agency Membership is open to federal, state and local official and voluntary organizations engaged in public health work or other organizations with an interest in public health work or other programs having a close relationship to health services. The following types of agencies shall be considered to meet this requirement: (1) official health agencies, (2) voluntary health agencies and institutions, (3) health and welfare councils, (4) agencies providing health services as part of a broader program, and (5) other agencies and organizations that have established a recognized standing in the health field. Agencies defined as ‘nonprofit’ are: academic institutions; state, local and government agencies; and nonprofit non-governmental organizations, or NGOs. Agencies defined as ‘other’ are any organizations not detailed above. Agency membership applications must be approved by the APHA Executive Board per bylaw requirements.

What is the fee to become an Agency member?

There is a sliding cost scale based on agency size and type. Prices are based on an annual dues cycle.

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What forms of payment are accepted?

Payment may be made by check (payable to APHA) or the following credit card options: American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa.

How do I enroll to become an Agency Member?

You may complete this application and submit for approval.

Is there a waiting period for my agency membership to be approved? How does billing work?

Applications must be approved by the APHA Executive Board. The Executive Board convenes six times annually. Applicants should allow up to 10 weeks for approval. Agencies will be notified as to whether they have been approved. Billing will not take place until an Agency has been approved for membership.

Once approved, how do I enroll my agency personnel?

Each agency will have one principle point of contact that will serve as liaison to APHA. All matters relating to the administration of the agency membership will be directed to the designated representative. It is the responsibility of the agency liaison to communicate with their employees on all matters related to the agency membership.

Does my agency have to provide proof of status to be eligible?

Proof of agency size is required.
What benefits do agency members receive?

Agency members receive discounts and other benefits. Benefits include:

- A 50% discount on classified ads in the *American Journal of Public Health* and *The Nation’s Health*
- Discounted registration to the APHA Annual Meeting and Expo (all employees eligible)
- Up to 30% discount on publications at APHA Press (all employees eligible)
- A 50% discount on print recruitments and approximately 30% discount on Public Health CareerMart job postings
- One copy of *AJPH* (for designated representative)
- Online access to *The Nation’s Health* for your agency’s representative and for agency employees who register online.
- A 20% discount off *AJPH* (all employees eligible)
- Recognition on the APHA website
- Agency may post meetings & events on APHA events page
- Agency becomes part of Generation Public Health©
- A 10% discount on a booth at APHA’s Annual Meeting and Expo (eligible for new agency members only)

Does my agency need to adhere to any rules to remain in good standing?

Agency members must: maintain business practices that are consistent with APHA’s mission; enhance and not impede APHA’s ability to act in the best interest of the public at all times; and protect APHA’s name, logo and other intangible intellectual assets at all times. Should an agency conduct business that is counter to these standards, APHA reserves the right to terminate the agency’s membership.

Are Agency Members allowed to advertise their goods and or services?

Agency Members are encouraged to advertise through APHA’s advertising channels at the discounts mentioned above.

Are individuals that belong to an agency able to join as a full member, and if so, is there a reduced rate?

Special discounted rates apply to members of both agencies defined as nonprofits and other. The applicable rate of $70 per person is available to individuals with nonprofit organizations, and $145 per person for those agencies that belong in in the category defined as ‘other’. These represent a significant discount from APHA’s regular membership rates, and the agency must be a member for individuals to qualify. Employees of agency members will be provided with instructions on how to obtain the special rate. If the agency does not renew its membership, employees will lose the discount when they next renew. Because the discounted rate is contingent upon agency renewal, there is no payment installment or auto-renew option available. No additional discounts (such as the green discount) are available.

Benefits for individual members include:

- Up to 30% discount on publications at APHA Press
- Discounted registration to the APHA Annual Meeting and Expo
- *Online access* only to *The Nation’s Health* (available in print edition for additional cost)
- *Online access* only to the *American Journal of Public Health*
- Able to present at APHA Annual Meeting
- Eligible to participate in two Sections of their choosing

Are agency individual members eligible to attend the Annual Meeting at a discounted rate?

Agency individual members pay the regular membership fee to attend the conference.

Are agency or individual membership dues tax deductible?

Neither agency nor individual dues are tax deductible.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions on agency membership?

Contact Nancy Sherwood at 202-777-3914 or nancy.sherwood@apha.org.