



## Membership

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### Policy

Purpose: To provide guidance for the Association for membership matters.

1. ATAT active membership dues are \$300, student membership dues are \$30, and associate membership dues are \$100. (Proposed for 2025-26 to go \$350. This will be voted upon in Summer 2024). Student membership dues will be free for those who are enrolled in a Texas University student teaching block.
2. If the conference fee is paid, members receive a complimentary year of ATAT membership. If the membership dues are paid, members receive a complimentary ATAT conference registration.
3. Allowing any new teacher hired at mid-year to join for half price with full privileges accorded.
4. All teachers may pay dues in up to six equal payments. All checks must be post-dated no later than December 31.
5. All those serving the Association shall be members in good standing with the Association by October 1 of that school year.
6. Any refunds for workshops/registration must be made in writing before July 17.

### Operational Protocols

1. The Association office keeps each chairperson informed of the membership status of teachers in his/her district and area, furnishing necessary dues materials for him/her to use.
2. Send communications encouraging new teachers and non-paying members to pay their dues.
3. The district/area membership chairperson checks his/her district list and notifies the Association of Teachers who have left the district or are no longer teaching. The membership chairperson is to make personal contacts with the non-members and enlist the help of any agriculture science teacher who may be of some assistance in explaining the benefits of the Association.

4. Student members will receive professional liability insurance.
5. Committee chairpersons and directors stress membership in the National Association of Agricultural Educators, Association for Career and Technical Education, and subscribing to Agriculture Education Magazine, to promote and advance agriculture science and technology. The increased cooperation and coordination of national and state associations in solving mutual problems makes the above necessary.
7. Give at least eight major door prizes up to \$2,000 in value at Family Night during the conference. Each director is responsible for one door prize of reasonable quality. Directors can donate personally or solicit a local business for their prize. Door prizes should follow the same pattern as previous years and name tags should be used for the door prize drawings. Active, Associate, Student, and Honorary members are eligible for the door prize drawing.
8. Staff will target administrators, counselors, and service centers to advocate for ag education and professional development by sending promotional flyers.
9. Staff will send communications to area membership chairpersons before the conference giving instructions as to how they can assist in registration at the conference.