

2015-16 ATPE Membership Application

3 Ways You Can Join The Association of Texas Professional Educators:

- 1 Print and mail this completed application to the ATPE state office.
- 2 Give this completed application to a designated ATPE representative.
- 3 Join at *atpe.org* (and pay by credit card).

1 Provide your contact information.

Last 4 digits of your Soc. Sec. #: XXX-XX-____ Female Male

School District Employee ID# _____

Yes, I have been an ATPE member in the past.

Member ID# _____ (Optional—If you don't remember it, no problem.)

Name _____
Last First Middle initial

Job title _____

ISD _____ Campus _____

Home address _____

City/State _____ ZIP _____

Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____
Required**

Campus email _____

Home email _____

One email address is required for application processing.**

** When you become a member of ATPE, you are granting permission for ATPE to contact you via the information provided on this application, including email and text, which are required to effectively administer your account. You will also receive important information about your membership and benefits.

Yes, send me information about volunteering for ATPE!



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2 Select your membership category. (OL)

Refer to the chart on the back of this application to find your appropriate category.

Insured* categories		*See back for details.
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$145.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> First-time Professional <small>I have never been a Professional member.</small>	\$80.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate <small>Paraprofessional and classified positions</small>	\$70.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Trainee <small>Student teacher in Texas</small>		FREE

Visit *atpe.org* to join as a retired, public or college student member.

3 Invest in public education. (optional)

- Local unit dues \$ _____
Support ATPE in your school district.
- ATPE Political Action Committee \$ _____
Support Texas candidates and officeholders who prioritize our profession and public education.
Suggested donation: \$12.

4 Select a payment method.

- Check enclosed
- Payroll deduction
Complete the authorization below. Detach and submit to your ISD's payroll office. Arrangements for payroll deduction are the responsibility of the applicant.

TOTAL \$ _____

Payroll Deduction Authorization

Payroll authorizations for 2015-16 will not be accepted after **Jan. 31, 2016.**

I, _____, authorize the _____ ISD to deduct the **total amount** of \$ _____ over _____ payments in order to pay for ATPE state dues, local dues, and political action committee and foundation donations. I further authorize the Association to notify the ISD of changes in the annual dues amounts and the ISD to deduct the new amounts. If my employment with the district ends, I authorize any unpaid balance to be deducted from my final check. This authorization for the deductions referenced above will be effective until I give notice to the ISD that I want to revoke it.

Applicant's signature

Applicant's Social Security number or employee ID number

Date of signature

Initial Here **I wish to cancel deduction of membership dues for:** Texas AFT TCTA TSTA UEA Other

Questions You Might Have About ATPE Membership

▶ What does the Professional Liability and Employment Rights Defense Insurance cover?

Insurance coverage applies to your activities as a Professional or Associate member in the course of your duties of employment with an educational institution, or to your activities as a Teacher Trainee member in the course of your duties as a student in a teacher education program in an accredited college or university. Coverage is underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. ALL COVERAGE IS SUBJECT TO THE EXPRESS TERMS OF THE MASTER INSURANCE POLICY ISSUED TO ATPE AND KEPT ON FILE AT THE STATE OFFICE. View a detailed summary at atpe.org. **The policy applies only to activities that begin during the period when coverage is effective and does not apply to activities that predate the coverage period.**

▶ When is Professional Liability insurance coverage effective?

Insurance coverage begins on the later of 8/1/15 or your Membership Date and expires on 8/1/16 except for the following: COVERAGE IS EFFECTIVE ON 8/1/15 IF YOU RENEW MEMBERSHIP ANYTIME DURING AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER 2015, AND EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS DEFENSE INSURANCE IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL 30 DAYS AFTER YOUR MEMBERSHIP DATE IF YOU JOIN AFTER 9/30/15 AND WERE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP FROM AUGUST 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2015. Eligibility for membership benefits is contingent upon receipt of the entire membership dues amount for your appropriate membership category. A disruption in payments to an authorized payment plan may result in discontinuation of such benefits, including cancellation of insurance coverage for the entire membership year, retroactive to Aug. 1 or your membership date. For further information, call (800) 777-2873.

▶ How does ATPE spend my membership dues?

- \$3.32 pays for a subscription to *ATPE News* (published four times per year) and includes all state and local sales taxes.
- Up to \$26 of Professional and Associate member dues and up to \$6 of Teacher Trainee member dues pays for the Educators Professional Liability Insurance Policy.*

▶ When is my ATPE membership effective?

For paper applications, membership is generally established when the application is received in the state office. Alternatively, membership may be established when a designated ATPE representative receives, signs and dates an application then forwards the completed application for processing at the ATPE state office. For online applications, the membership date is established at 12:01 a.m. CST on the date following successful transmission of your online application and payment at atpe.org. Faxed or emailed applications are not accepted. In all cases, ATPE reserves the right to research and verify the earliest date of membership or to reject or cancel membership retroactively should all application elements not be completed.

▶ Are ATPE membership dues tax-deductible?

ATPE membership dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes but may be deductible as miscellaneous itemized deductions, subject to IRS restrictions. Approximately 95 percent of your dues dollar is considered deductible; 4.6 percent is used for lobbying activities and is therefore not deductible.

▶ What does ATPE-PAC do?

The ATPE Political Action Committee (ATPE-PAC) solicits voluntary donations from members to advocate for ATPE's legislative priorities. ATPE-PAC does not endorse political candidates. Donations to ATPE-PAC are not a condition of employment or membership. A member may donate more or less than the suggested amount or may choose not to make a donation without it affecting his or her membership status, rights or benefits with ATPE. Donations are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

ATPE Membership Categories

You must join in the appropriate insured category in order to qualify for Professional Liability coverage. ATPE reserves the right to determine eligibility for the appropriate membership category. Commissioned peace officers are eligible for public membership only.

Professional and Associate membership is open to persons employed in Texas by a public school district, institution of higher education, Regional Education Service Center, State Board for Educator Certification or the Texas Education Agency.

If you have a question about the eligibility of job descriptions not listed below, call (800) 777-2873.

Insured Categories

PROFESSIONAL MEMBER (\$145)/FIRST-TIME PROFESSIONAL MEMBER (\$80)

- Administrator/Supervisor
- Athletic Director/Coordinator
- Athletic Trainer
- At-Risk Coordinator
- Audiologist
- Band/Choral Director
- Coach
- Counselor
- Curriculum Director
- Dean of Instruction
- Department Head/Chair
- Diagnostician
- Instructional Officer
- Intern Teacher
- IT Director/Coordinator
- Librarian
- Nurse (RN)
- Parent/Community Coordinator
- Principal/Asst. Prin.
- Regional Service Center Staff
- School Psychologist/Associate
- Social Worker
- Superintendent/Asst. Supt.
- Teacher
- Therapist/Pathologist
- University Professor
- Visiting Teacher

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$70)

- Aide to position in Professional category
- Alternative Center Aide
- Bus Driver
- Cafeteria Worker
- Clerk-General
- Computer Programmer/Entry
- Custodial Worker
- Deaf Interpreter
- Educational Aide/Technician
- Maintenance Worker
- Nurse (LVN)
- Regional Service Center Aide
- Secretary
- Security Guard (Unarmed)
- Substitute Teacher

TEACHER TRAINEE MEMBER (FREE)

- Student teacher in Texas

Uninsured Categories

COLLEGE STUDENT MEMBER (FREE)

- Non-teaching college student

RETIRED MEMBER (\$10)

- Retired former school employee

PUBLIC MEMBER (\$35)

- Friend of public education