

## MEMBER CATEGORY

### Associate Membership

There are many organizations not directly involved with Head Start but nonetheless are interested in its success. NHSA welcomes the interest and participation of these organizations and has created special membership categories for them. There are three types of Associate Members: Nonprofit, Corporate, and University, College, and Research Groups.

Associate Membership Category	Dues
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<input type="radio"/> Nonprofit Associate	\$250
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Nonprofit Associate members receive discounts on NHSA training, conferences, and product purchases; access to all resources in the **"Members Only"** section of [www.nhsa.org](http://www.nhsa.org); and one copy of *Children & Families*. In addition, Nonprofit Associates receive discounts on exhibit space at conferences and advertisements in publications.

<input type="radio"/> University, College, and Research Group	\$600
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University, College and Research Group Associate members receive discounts on NHSA training, conferences, and product purchases; access to all resources in the **"Members Only"** section of [www.nhsa.org](http://www.nhsa.org); one copy of *Children & Families*, and a subscription to *NHSA Dialog*.

<input type="radio"/> Corporate Associate	\$600
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Corporate Associate members receive discounts on NHSA training, conferences, and product purchases; access to all resources in the **"Members Only"** section of [www.nhsa.org](http://www.nhsa.org); and one copy of *Children & Families*. In addition, Corporate Associates receive a 10% discount on exhibit space at conferences and advertisements in publications.

**For additional information:**  
visit our Web site at [www.nhsa.org](http://www.nhsa.org)  
or call (703) 739-0875

## MEMBER INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address *(required for online mailings)* \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please see "Member Category" section for payment amount.

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Check                      Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to NHSA.*

AmEx             MasterCard             VISA

Credit Card# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this membership form and payment to:**  
NHSA, PO Box 890080, Charlotte, NC 28289-0080

Credit card payments may be faxed, along with this form to NHSA fiscal Department at: (703) 548-8305

**Please note:** In order to avoid duplicate payment, please only fax one time and do not both fax and mail your membership form.



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### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*NHSA members receive discounts on all association trainings!*

NHSA offers a wealth of training opportunities, each designed to support the Head Start Program Performance Standards, Head Start Core Values, NCATE standards, and important trends in the field of early care and education.

#### Annual Conference

Twice each year, NHSA gathers experts from across the early care and education field. National in scope, these NHSA annual conferences include formal and informal exchanges with colleagues that provide rich exposure to best practices. Highlights include nationally renowned keynote speakers, legislative updates, hundreds of educational sessions for Head Start staff and early care and education professionals at every level, cutting-edge special tracks, and CEUs and college credit hours.

#### Mini Conference

A series of mini conferences are scheduled throughout the year, allowing trainees to focus on specific areas of importance including parent involvement, management, transition, governance, and more. Each is an opportunity to interact with national experts, for professional enrichment and to exchange issues and solutions with peers from across the country.

#### Distance Learning

National experts come straight to your program with NHSA Distance Learning. A wide variety of Webinars, audio conferences, and our HeadsUp! Network provide valuable training at all levels without the cost of travel. With no more than a computer and Internet access, critical training is both convenient and affordable. Visit [www.nhsa.org](http://www.nhsa.org) for the most recent offerings.

#### Credential Program

The NHSA Academy offers credentialing opportunities developed by the Head Start community. An intensive five-day study program offers participants a credential in administration or mid-management and three college credits. Two self-study courses lead to a family services or health services credential. To register or learn more, visit [www.nhsa.org](http://www.nhsa.org) and view "Training."

### INFORMATION

*NHSA members receive access to view all of our member publications online!*

NHSA offers a wealth of information and resources to our members, and members can access all our member publications online! You are certain to stay current on Head Start issues and the early care and education field. The "Members Only" section of our site includes valuable marketing resources, important advocacy information, the NHSA Career Center, and more.

- NHSA's award winning *Children and Families* magazine offers creative ideas, practical solutions, and expert advice.
- *NHSA News* brings you the latest association activity and inspiring reports from the field.
- *Legislative Update* offers comprehensive, timely, insightful information on legislative issues.

### ADVOCACY

NHSA's Government Affairs Department works on both the national and grassroots levels. GAD is dedicated to the issues that affect Head Start. As a national association, NHSA brings the voice of the Head Start community to legislators in support of our low-income children and families and the Head Start staff who enrich their lives. Visit [www.nhsa.org](http://www.nhsa.org) often to stay informed on the latest legislative issues confronting Head Start. Contact your members of Congress on critical issues by visiting our dedicated advocacy Web site, [www.saveheadstart.org](http://www.saveheadstart.org).

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

NHSA partners with generous corporate sponsors and experts in the early care and education field to offer the Head Start community important programs and initiatives. Current programs include: free computers and technical support for rural programs; disaster relief funds; Nike Let Me Play Head Start, a physical activity program; collaborations that bring important resources on environmental health, transition, fatherhood; and more. Visit [www.nhsa.org](http://www.nhsa.org) for details as we grow together.

### RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

NHSA places a high priority on recognizing outstanding achievement. Each year, the NHSA Scholarship and Awards Program recognizes over 25 Head Start staff, parents, alumni, and collaborating organizations whose contributions to Head Start inspire us all. The NHSA Quality Initiative invites programs nationwide to participate in a rigorous evaluation. Each year Programs of Achievement and Programs of Excellence are recognized. Visit [www.nhsa.org](http://www.nhsa.org) for full details.