

Young Professional Membership

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

What is young professional membership?

Young professional membership is a category of membership for individuals who are the legal age of majority but have not yet reached 30 years of age. The legal age of majority varies by country and/or state. In the State of Illinois, the legal age of majority is 18 years of age.

What are the dues for a young professional membership?

The annual cost of a Zonta International membership is US\$80. Young professional members have the opportunity to join Zonta International for US\$40 per year plus a one-time new member fee of US\$15. Full district, area and club dues still apply unless the district, area or club decides otherwise.

At what point is a club member no longer eligible for young professional membership?

A club member is eligible for young professional membership until 31 May in the year she/he reaches 30 years of age, after which the membership will transition to full club membership upon payment of full international dues.

The young professional membership category is a pilot program for 2016-2018. Will it continue beyond 2018?

To continue beyond the 2016-2018 Biennium, the Zonta International Convention will need to approve a bylaws change to make the young professional membership category a permanent category of membership. If the 2018 Convention does not vote to continue the young professional membership category, those club members recruited for young professional membership during the pilot program will continue under the terms of the young professional membership until 31 May in the year they reach 30 years of age, after which the membership will transition to full club membership upon payment of full international dues.

When will the young professional membership be available?

The young professional membership is available now for new members. Current members who meet the age requirements may renew at the young professional membership rate for 2017-2018.

Will new or renewing members who joined prior to the 2016 Convention receive a refund or credit for 50 percent of their Zonta International dues?

No, only members who joined after the 2016 Zonta International Convention are eligible for the reduced dues for the 2016-2017 membership year; however, renewing members will be eligible for young professional membership during the 2017-2018 membership year if they still meet the age requirements at the time of renewal.

How does a new member who is eligible for young professional membership submit her/his international dues?

Club treasurers will need to use the [special dues transmittal form](#) created specifically for young professional members. Please note that the online dues system is not currently set up to accept payments for young professional members.

What classification should be applied for new members joining under the young professional membership category?

Young professional members should use the classification code that most closely applies to their profession. If they are a student or volunteer, use code 7000 – Student (University, College).

Why are young professionals required to submit a birth date when applying for young professional membership?

Young professionals are required to have a valid birth date on file so that Headquarters can confirm eligibility for the young professional membership category. Current Classified Members wishing to transfer to a young professional membership must also have a valid birth date on file.

What benefits do young professional members receive?

Young professional members have the same access to all Zonta resources and the same rights and responsibilities as any other club member.