



# FAQ About NYS ATSA Membership

## What is NYS ATSA?

NYS ATSA is the New York State chapter for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. The mission of NYS ATSA is to:

- Reduce the level of sexual victimizations
- Promote the increase, uniformity, and quality of assessments and treatment services for juvenile and adult sex offenders
- Promote the development of a fully integrated continuum of services for sex offenders
- Promote legislation on issues and funding for programs impacting sex offenders and survivors
- Promote offender accountability through restitution, mediation, treatment, supervision, and incarceration
- Promote community safety through the confinement of sex offenders not amendable to community-based treatment services

## What are the requirements to becoming a member of NYS ATSA?

All NYS ATSA members must be members, in good standing, of national ATSA. For information on national ATSA membership, please visit <http://www.atsa.com/atsa-membership-benefits-requirements> .

Individuals who are not interested in becoming full members of National ATSA, but are interested in being NYS ATSA members can join National ATSA as an Affiliate Member<sup>1</sup>. Affiliate membership in National ATSA is \$35.00 plus a \$35.00 non-refundable application processing fee. Additional information on Affiliate Membership can be found at <http://www.atsa.com/atsa-membership-benefits-requirements>

## What is the cost of membership in NYS ATSA?

There are two different membership categories for NYS ATSA: Full Members and Student Members. The membership fee for Full Members is \$35, while the student membership fee is \$20. Student members must be half-time students and provide verification of their student status. For additional information on NYS ATSA membership, please visit our website at [www.nysatsa.com/membership/index.html](http://www.nysatsa.com/membership/index.html).

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<sup>1</sup> As noted on the ATSA website: Persons who are currently working on a full-time basis for at least 40 hours per week either in a related area (such as the treatment of sexually abused children, adult victim/survivors of sexual abuse, or non-offending spouses) or in a non-clinical capacity such as the criminal justice system. Individuals involved in clinical practice, providing assessment and treatment services, and/or those individuals involved in conducting research related to sexually offending behavior, who qualify for a higher membership category, are not eligible for membership in the affiliate category.



### **How often do I have to pay for membership in NYS ATSA?**

The \$35.00 full membership fee and the \$20.00 student membership fee are annual dues. Membership in NYS ATSA is for a 1-year period from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Renewal applications are sent to all current members in March of each year.

Membership dues are not prorated. Regardless of when individuals join NYS ATSA, all memberships expire on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **What are the benefits of membership in NYS ATSA?**

- Affiliation with an international organization that strives to improve techniques for assessment and treatment of sexual abusers
- Ethical standards for professional behavior and practice specific to the treatment of sexual abusers
- Increased opportunity to exchange ideas with other treatment specialists and allied professionals, including personal and professional support with complex cases
- Guidelines for psycho-physiological assessment and treatment methods
- Participation at reduced fees in the annual conference and training workshops sponsored by NYS ATSA
- Regular issues of the *New York State Forum*, the NYS ATSA newsletter. The NYS Forum is published quarterly and keeps members up-to-date on current clinical issues, legislative updates, training, and employment opportunities
- The ability to apply for student research grants and student travel awards
- Access to the "Member's Only" page on the NYS ATSA website
- Access to the NYS ATSA membership directory
- professional support and networking opportunities

### **How can I join NYS ATSA?**

Visit our website at <http://nysatsa.com/membership/index.html> for additional information on becoming a NYS ATSA member. Individuals can join NYS ATSA either by completing an electronic membership form or by printing a membership form and mailing the completed document to: NYS ATSA, PO Box 3117, Albany, NY 12203.