

Joining a Professional Association

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As a student, you can join a professional association related to your major and begin to interact with people already working in your chosen field. This is one of the best ways to identify professional job openings and obtain career advice. Almost every industry has a national association. Some of these groups also sponsor regional or local chapters where you can meet experienced members, get access to on-line job banks or job hotlines, inquire about mentoring programs and attend career workshops and seminars.

Most associations offer reduced price memberships for full-time college students. Consider joining a national association and/or local chapter in your field, before you graduate, as it is more expensive afterwards.

The following is a list of associations classified according to UArts majors.

NOTE: Where applicable, national associations are listed first, followed by regional or local chapters, along with membership fees. See websites noted for information on how to become a student member & benefits.

ART & DESIGN

Animation

ASIFA East: Animation with an East Coast Twist
www.asifaeast.com
 \$35/year

ASIFA Hollywood
www.asifa-hollywood.org
 \$30/year - student member

Women In Animation International
www.womeninanimation.org
 \$25/year - student member

Art Education
National Art Education Association
www.naea-reston.org
 \$27/year - student member

The PA Art Education Association
www.paea.org
 \$27/year - student member (one fee for both state & national membership)

Art Therapy

American Art Therapy Association
www.arttherapy.org
 \$65/year - student member

Delaware Valley Art Therapy Association:
www.dvata.org
 \$20/year - student member

Book Arts/Printmaking

The Guild of Bookworkers:
<http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/byorg/gbw>
 \$40/year - student member (national)

Delaware Valley chapter:
delawarevalley@guildofbookworkers.allmail.net
 \$10 extra per year for local chapter

The Print Center
www.printcenter.org
 \$30/year - student member

Philadelphia Print Collaborative:
www.printcollaborative.org/ppc.shtml
 \$35/year - individual member

Crafts

Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen
www.pacrafts.com
 \$15/year - student member

The American Ceramic Society
www.ceramics.org
 \$25/year - student member

American Association of Woodturners
www.woodturner.org
 \$18/year - Youth member (under 25)

Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers
www.pghw.org
 \$16/year - student member

Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America
www.abana.org
 \$45/year - student member

Art Glass Association
www.artglassassociation.com
 \$35/year - Associate member

Film

University Film & Video Association
www.ufva.org
 \$30/year - student member

Philadelphia Independent Film & Video Association:
www.pifva.org
 \$28/year - student member

Graphic Design

American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA)
www.aiga.org
 \$75/year - student member

Graphic Artists Guild
www.gag.org
 \$75/year - student member

The Art Directors Club
www.adcglobal.org
 \$75/year - student member

Art Directors Club of Philadelphia
www.adcp.org
 \$30/year - student member

Illustration

The Society of Illustrators:
www.societyillustrators.org
\$35/year - student member

Society of Children's Books Writers & Illustrators:
www.scbwi.org
\$75/year

Society of Science Fiction & Fantasy Artists
www.asfa-art.org
\$40/year

Graphic Artists Guild
www.gag.org
\$75/year - student member

Illustrators' Partnership
www.illustratorpartnership.org
\$50/year - student member

Industrial Design

Industrial Designers Society of America
www.idsa.org
\$50/year - student member

Society for Environmental Graphic Design
www.segd.org/home.html
\$50/year + \$15 application fee - students

Association of Professional Model Makers
www.modelmakers.org
\$25/year - student member

Association of Women Industrial Designers
www.awidweb.com
\$20/year - student member

Museum Studies

Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums
www.midatlanticmuseums.org
\$25/year - individual student member

American Association of Museums
www.aam-us.org
\$35/year - student member

National Association for Museum Exhibition
www.n-a-m-e.org
\$15/year - student member (must first be a member of AAM)

Museum Education Roundtable
www.mer-online.org
\$25/year - student member

Painting/Drawing

National Watercolor Society
www.nws-online.org
\$35/year

National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society
www.noaps.org
\$50/year

Colored Pencil Society of America
www.cpsa.org
\$40/year

Photography

American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP):
www.asmp.org
\$55/year - student member

Wedding & Portrait Photographers International
www.wppionline.com
\$50/year - student member

Women in Photography International
www.womeninphotography.org
\$50/year - student member

Sculpture

The National Sculpture Society:
www.nationalsculpture.org
\$65/year

International Sculpture Center
www.sculpture.org
\$60/year - student member

Philadelphia Sculptors:
www.philasculptors.org
\$15/year - student member

Association of Professional Model Makers
<https://www.modelmakers.org>
\$25/year - student member

MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

Communication

National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences: Philadelphia chapter
philadelphia.emmyonline.org
\$10/year + \$5 initiation fee - student member

National Communication Association
www.natcom.org
\$65/year - student member

Philadelphia Advertising Club
www.phillyadclub.com
\$25/year - student member

Society of Professional Journalists
www.spj.org
\$36/year - student member

International Documentary Association
www.documentary.org
\$45/year - student member

Multimedia

International Digital Media and Arts Association
www.idmaa.org
\$35/year - student member

International Game Developers Association
www.igda.org
\$30/year - student member

Webgrrls International
www.webgrrls.com
\$35/year - student member

Writing for Film & Television

American Screenwriters Association
www.asascreenwriters.com
\$30/year - student member

Writers Guild of America - East
www.wgaeast.org
\$35/year - student member

PERFORMING ARTS

Dance

National Dance Association
www.aahperd.org/nda
\$45/year - student member

National Dance Education Association
www.ndeo.org
\$35/year - student member; plus \$25 for subscription to the "Journal of Dance Education"

American Dance Guild
<http://americandanceguild.org>
\$25/year - student member

American Dance Therapy Association
www.adta.org
\$50 for first year; \$100 annual renewal; plus \$10 per year for state chapter dues

Music

Music & Entertainment Industry Student Association
www.meisa.org
\$18/year

International Association for Jazz Education
www.iaje.org
\$30 - individual student member

National Association for Music Education
www.menc.org
\$27/year - collegiate dues for PA; \$26/year - collegiate dues for NJ (see site for other states)

Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz & Performing Arts
www.clefclubofjazz.com
\$50/year - artist member

Theater

Theater Alliance of Greater Philadelphia:
www.theateralliance.org
\$40/year

American Alliance for Theatre and Education
www.aate.com
\$60/year - student member

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

You can search for many more associations and organization in the online directories at the following sites:

American Society of Association Executives
www.asaecenter.org/Directories/AssociationSearch.cfm

Internet Public Library: Associations on the Net
www.ipl.org/div/aon

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS ON YOUR RESUME!!!