APPLICATION PROCESS

The Secretary and the Membership Committee review all membership applications and make its recommendations to the AAOA Board of Directors.

Once a year, the Board convenes to vote on new members. Applications must be received by July 31st to be considered. While the application is under consideration, candidates will be eligible for member discounts.

New members will be notified within 60 days of election. Membership fees are non-refundable and must be received (US dollars only) prior to consideration by the Membership Committee. Membership fees and dues rates are determined by the AAOA Board of Directors and are subject to change. As such, current application fees and rates apply at the time of application. Please see the AAOA website (www.aaoaf.org) for the most current fees schedule.

Call 202-955-5010 for more information on the AAOA or complete the attached membership application form.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

**Fellow (Dues: $375/year)**
In order to attain the status of Fellow, a candidate must pass a rigorous oral and written exam, demonstrating his/her competence in the field of immunology and otolaryngic allergy. To be eligible to sit for the exam, one must: be Board certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology or other American Otolaryngology Boards as determined in the AAOA’s Rules & Regulations; be a member of the AAOA for a minimum of one year; have a practice limited to otolaryngology; and have completed all Fellow requirements.

**Associate (Dues/Application fee: $375)**
Open to American Board of Otolaryngology certified/eligible otolaryngologists or other American Otolaryngology Boards as determined in the AAOA’s Rules & Regulations, who have an active practice in otolaryngology.

**Academic Associate (Dues/Application fee: $225)**
Open to American Board of Otolaryngology certified/eligible otolaryngologists or other American Otolaryngology Boards as determined in the AAOA’s Rules & Regulations, who have an active practice in otolaryngology.

In addition, applicant must verify full-time Academic status at an ACGME accredited Otolaryngology or Osteopathic training program. A letter from the program chair verifying full-time status and supporting the candidate is also required.

**Military Associate (Dues/Application fee: $225)**
Open to American Board of Otolaryngology certified/eligible otolaryngologists or other American Otolaryngology Boards as determined in the AAOA’s Rules & Regulations, who have an active practice in otolaryngology.

In addition, applicant must verify full-time active duty at an ACGME accredited Otolaryngology or Osteopathic training program or US military institution. A letter from the superior officer verifying full-time status and supporting the candidate is also required.

**Resident (One-Time Dues: $45/residency)**
Open to residents currently enrolled in an American Board of Otolaryngology–approved residency program or other approved training programs as outlined in the Rules & Regulations. A letter of recommendation from the training program director is required with the application.

**Allied Health (Dues/Application fee: $175)**
Open to individuals who currently work as an otolaryngic allergy nurse, technician, administrator, or other paramedical personnel for an active AAOA physician member at the time of their application and every year thereafter.

DISCOUNTS AND BENEFITS

As a member, you will be eligible for discounts on registration fees at all AAOA CME functions and all of our patient education materials. These savings can offset most or all of your dues.

PUBLICATIONS

Members of the AAOA receive the AAOA Today newsletter quarterly. This communication tool updates members on issues related to the specialty, both socioeconomic and educational; actions by the Board of Directors; research and educational course opportunities; and updates on the Sinus & Allergy Health Partnership.

www.aaoaf.org is the AAOA’s website.

The Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery Journal is the official journal of the AAOA. As otolaryngologists, members receive this through the AAO—HNS.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Connect with a network of over 2000 otolaryngic allergy healthcare providers to share their knowledge and experience and advance your skills as an otolaryngic allergist.

The AAOA offers several CME venues yearly—Basic Course in Otolaryngic Allergy, Advanced Course in Otolaryngic Allergy & Immunology, Master’s Course: Trends in Allergy & Rhinology, Resident Retreat, Academic Workshop, an annual Scientific Program, which includes instruction courses, among other offerings.

Our courses are strategically placed to allow easier access from all parts of the country. Members presenting papers at the annual meeting are eligible for the Sam Sanders Award in either Basic or Clinical Science.

Residents are eligible for travel grants for both the courses and the annual meeting. Residents who are presenting papers at the annual meeting are eligible for larger travel grants, as well as the Resident Research Award.

ADVOCACY

Yearly, the AAOA expends an enormous amount of staff and volunteer leader time and expertise promoting and defending the practice of otolaryngic allergy.

Limited to members only, the AAOA will help you on reimbursement, scope of practice, and other managed care related issues affecting your individual practice in your locale. The AAOA has been successful in modifying how carriers reimburse AAOA–endorsed techniques such as IDT and in vitro testing, as well as working directly with CMS on Medicare issues.

The AAOA has taken a lead position in creating the Sinus and Allergy Health Partnership. As an otolaryngic advocacy campaign, the AAOA is joining forces with the American Rhinologic Society and the American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery to promote the unique expertise otolaryngologists have in treating patients with sinusitis, allergic rhinitis, and related disorders.

PATIENT EDUCATION

To assist you with your marketing outreach to patients and potential patients, the AAOA has several educational pamphlets available on its website.

For more information about the AAOA

PHONE: 202-955-5010 | FAX: 202-955-5016
WEBSITE: www.aaoaf.org | EMAIL: aaoa@aaoaf.org
APPLICATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐ ASSOCIATE
  • $375 application fee
  • Proof of successful completion of residency
  • Copy of ABMS Board certificate/proof of eligibility
  • 2 letters of recommendation (preferably from AAOA Fellows)

☐ RESIDENT
  • $45 one-time Resident Dues
  • Letter of recommendation from Depart. Chair on letterhead
  • Estimated completion date

☐ ALLIED HEALTH
  • $175 application fee
  • Letter of recommendation from the AAOA member physician for whom the Allied Health applicant works

I WISH TO ENROLL AS:

☐ Associate  ☐ Resident  ☐ Allied Health

Medical School

Medical Societies

AAOA MEETINGS ATTENDED

SCOPE OF PRACTICE (define percentage in each)

All application fees must be in US dollars. Application fee is non-refundable

Please mail completed application and your check payable to: AAOA Inc.

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OTOLARYNGIC ALLERGY  •  1990 M Street, NW  •  Washington, DC 20036

last updated October 2010