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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding AMTA Inactive Membership status. We have enclosed materials describing the Inactive Membership category. In order to be considered for Inactive status, you must complete the enclosed application and submit a check for \$50.00. Your application will be processed by the membership department. If you are not granted Inactive status, your \$50.00 payment will be refunded.

If your Inactive status is granted, your RMT/CMT/ACMT renewal fee with the *National Music Therapy Registry* will be \$100.00 rather than the \$295.00 non-member rate. That payment may be made to the NMTR at P.O. Box 13623, Silver Spring, MD 20911-3623. Any questions about RMT/CMT/ACMT maintenance fees should be directed to the *National Music Therapy Registry* at (301) 562-9330.

If you have any questions about the process or application, please feel free to contact Angie Elkins, MT-BC, Director of Membership Services or Cindy Smith, Membership Associate.

Again, thank you for your interest and we look forward to your continued participation in AMTA.

Sincerely,

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AMTA INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

The Inactive Membership category was established by the Executive Board to provide a level of membership for music therapists who are not currently active as professionals, but who intend to return to the profession. This membership category will allow AMTA members to remain involved in the Association and informed about issues critical to the profession of music therapy during a period of time when they are not active professionally. According to the AMTA Bylaws: *"Inactive music therapist membership is open to professional music therapists who are not currently practicing music therapy. Music therapists seeking inactive membership must complete an application available from the National Office. Inactive membership will provide the privileges of participation in the activities of the Association and the right to receive selected publications of the Association, but does not include the right to vote or to hold office."* Inactive membership is intended as a temporary status only.

Eligibility for Inactive Status:

Members of the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) will be considered eligible applicants if they:

1. Have held active Professional Membership status in AMTA for at least two consecutive years prior to application for inactive status;
2. Intend to return to active membership status;
3. Are not involved in any professional activity or are not working full-time currently due to illness, emergency, childbirth and child rearing, family obligations, etc.;
4. Have filed an application for inactive status and submitted a check for \$50.00 with the National Office of AMTA.

Application Process:

To be considered for inactive status, the individual must:

1. Complete the Inactive Membership Application;
2. Have at least two consecutive years' active membership status in AMTA prior to application, not including Student Membership (if AMTA records do not reflect this, proof must be submitted by the applicant);
3. Submit all materials to the AMTA National Office

Membership Benefits of Inactive Status:

An Inactive Member will:

1. Be granted inactive status for one year of national AMTA membership;
2. Receive all issues of AMTA's newsletter, *Music Therapy Matters*, published in the membership year;
3. Be listed in and receive a copy of the *AMTA Member Sourcebook*;
4. Be able to receive technical services;
5. Be able to attend National Conferences, Continuing Education courses, and purchase AMTA products and publications at membership rates;
6. Receive reduced Inactive Membership fee of \$50.00;
7. Renew RMT, CMT, or ACMT designation with the National Music Therapy Registry for a discounted fee of \$100.00 (Regular non-member fee is \$295.00, current Professional members pay \$80.00)

Determination of Inactive Status:

The AMTA National Office membership services staff will screen applications for inactive status. Any questions or regarding the stated policy will be referred to the AMTA Executive Director.

Renewal of Inactive Status:

Inactive membership status is granted on a yearly basis only. If you need to apply for renewal, you must resubmit the entire application, amending items A and B as appropriate. The Inactive Member is responsible for contacting the AMTA National Office each year to obtain renewal forms. Inactive Membership must be maintained each year during the inactive period to be re-granted.

APPLICATION FOR AMTA INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP STATUS

(This application form must be filled out *completely*. If questions are left unanswered, the application cannot be processed and Inactive status will not be considered. Please keep a copy for your files)

Name: _____ Memb. # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email address: _____ Membership year: 20____

Check your music therapy designation/credential: MT-BC CMT Other _____
 RMT ACMT

School/University where music therapy degree or equivalency was earned:

How many years have you been an active member of AMTA?

Please give dates: _____(month)/_____(year), _____(month)/_____(year),
_____ (month)/_____(year), _____(month)/_____(year)

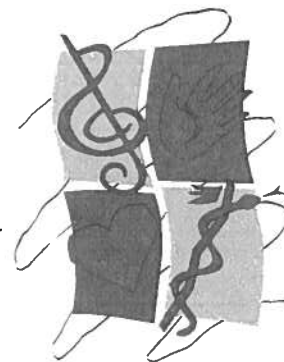
Where and when were you last employed professionally?

A) Describe your current situation and reasons for seeking inactive membership status. (Use back or attach more pages if necessary.)

B) Describe your intention or plans to return to active membership status.

I hereby affirm that this information presented in this application form is truthful:

Signature _____ Date _____



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