



INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN AMTA

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding AMTA Inactive Membership. Please find materials describing the Inactive Membership category included.

To be considered for Inactive Membership, please complete and submit the enclosed application and with a check for \$50.00. Your application will be processed by the membership department. If, for any reason, you are not granted Inactive status, your \$50.00 payment will be refunded. If Inactive Membership is granted, you will receive a confirmation and letter of welcome via email.

If you have any questions about the process or application, please feel free to contact Angie Elkins, MPS, 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,



The American Music Therapy Association



INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN AMTA APPLICATION PROCESS

The Inactive Membership category was established to provide a level of membership in the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) for music therapists who are not currently active as professionals, but who intend to return to the profession. This membership category allows individuals to remain involved in the Association and stay informed about issues critical to the music therapy profession 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 and expires each year at the end of the membership year. The applicant is welcome to apply for Inactive membership again, but must complete the application form each year.

Eligibility for Inactive Status

Individuals will be considered eligible applicants for Inactive Membership if they:

1. Have held active Professional Membership in AMTA for at least two years prior to application for inactive status;
2. Intend to return to active membership status;
3. Are not involved in professional activities or are not currently working full-time due to illness, emergency, childbirth, child rearing, family obligations, etc.;

Application Process

To be considered for Inactive Membership, the individual must:

1. Complete the Inactive Membership application.
2. Have at least two years' active membership prior to application, not including Student Membership. If AMTA records do not reflect this, proof must be submitted by the applicant.
3. Submit a completed application for Inactive Membership with a check for \$50.00 to the AMTA national office.
4. If, for any reason, Inactive Membership is not granted, the \$50.00 payment will be refunded.

Benefits of Inactive Membership

1. Inactive Membership status in AMTA for a period of one year for the discounted cost of \$50.00. (The AMTA membership year is based on the calendar year, January 1 through December 31. Note that membership is not prorated as all member benefits may be obtained online in the Member Toolkit after distribution. Membership begins when Inactive Membership is granted and ends at the end of the calendar year.)
2. AMTA's electronic newsletter and communications.
3. Listing in the AMTA Online Member Directory.
4. Access to AMTA website member-restricted pages and benefits. (Member Toolkit, Job Center, Job Hotline, etc.)
5. Eligibility to receive technical services and online member benefits.
6. Eligibility to purchase/register for AMTA national conferences, continuing education courses, and AMTA products and publications at the member rate.
7. Inactive Members are not eligible to vote in AMTA elections nor hold AMTA office.

Determination of Inactive Status:

The AMTA National Office membership services staff will screen applications for Inactive Membership. Questions or concerns will be referred to the AMTA Chief Executive Officer for a final decision.

Renewal of Inactive Status:

Inactive membership status is granted on a yearly basis only. All applicants are welcome to apply for renewal each year, but must resubmit the application form for each year's membership, amending as appropriate. The Inactive Member is responsible for contacting the AMTA national office each to obtain renewal forms.



APPLICATION FOR AMTA INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Please complete this application form fully and keep a copy for your files.

Membership Year: _____

Name: _____ Member #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Mobile _____ Work _____

Primary Email address (this will be used as the login for your AMTA online record):

Check music therapy credential: MT-BC Other _____ (from _____ country)

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

Years have you been an active member of AMTA? Please give dates in month and year:

____/____, ____/____, ____/____, ____/____, ____/____

Where and when were you last employed professionally?

A) Describe your current situation and reasons for seeking inactive membership status.

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

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

Signature _____ Date _____