

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

### Q: What are the Benefits of Membership?

**A: You are our Number One priority and we want you and your organization to succeed!**

With easy, self-guided access to lots of educational resources, tools, and templates you'll quickly become the expert your organization needs. If you'd like more personalized support, speak with one of our experts by phone, or attend a class with other nonprofit leaders, or get focused assistance from our expert consultants.

Take a look at all the [benefits](#) on our website to see what you've been missing. Have suggestions for additional benefits? Please pass them along to [Allison Albert](#), Marketing/Membership Director.

### Q: Am I Eligible to join Maryland Nonprofits?

**A:** Maryland Nonprofits has three types memberships: Nonprofit, Emerging, and Associate. If you fit the description of any below, then you are eligible to join!

1. **Nonprofit Member:** Organizations located in Maryland that have any 501(c) status from the IRS, including (c)3's, (c)4's, and (c)6's and government agencies at the city, county or state level.
2. **Emerging Member:** Organizations that are in the process of being formed in Maryland and have not yet received their tax-exempt status from the IRS.
3. **Associate Member:** Individuals, consultants, and companies of any size that support, want to know more about, or provide services to the nonprofit sector.

### Q: How much are dues?

**A:** Membership dues are set on a graduated scale based on your operating budget. We know that some grants and extraordinary donations may occasionally inflate your budget (lucky you!), so select your dues level based on a normal year.

NONPROFIT		EMERGING NONPROFIT	
Budget Size	Annual Dues	ALL	\$99
\$1 - \$24,999	\$100	<b>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</b>	
\$25,000 - \$99,999	\$150	Contributor	\$350
\$100,000 - \$399,999	\$400	Benefactor	\$700
\$400,000 - \$999,999	\$700	Sustainer	\$1500
\$1 mil - \$3.9 mil	\$1,000	Student	\$40
\$4 mil - \$6.9 mil	\$1,350	Affiliate	\$150
\$7 mil - \$10.9 mil	\$1,800		
\$11 mil - \$15.9 mil	\$2,300		
\$16 mil +	\$3,000		

**Q: What are the payment options?**

**A:** We're making your membership payments as simple as possible. When you initially sign up with Maryland Nonprofits we only accept the full year membership.

1. **Credit/Debit Card –**

- a. [Fill out membership form](#) and pay dues online.
- b. Call Ellen Knight, Office Manager, to pay over the phone at 443.438.2327.

**Q: When does membership begin and how long does it last?**

**A:** Membership begins when your payment is received and lasts for one year. It's that simple!

**Q: How does Membership renewal work?**

**A:** One month **before** your renewal date we'll send you a reminder email. Keep an eye out for it because it will include your membership invoice and easy renewal options. If we don't hear from you during that month, then we will send you two friendly reminder statements, one mid-way through your renewal month and another a month later. We consider your membership closed when you have not renewed by the end of the month **after** your renewal month.

**Thanks for your interest in Maryland Nonprofits! If you have additional questions about membership, please email [Darryus Johnson](#).**