



OREGON MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
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Instructions

For applying for membership in the OMTA

All applicants must apply through the district chair. This would include all seeking active, provisional, student or institutional membership. To obtain the contact information for the chair in your district please contact, **Barbara Gustafson**, State membership chair at: bgriceklavier@hotmail.com (503-425-9939).

For application to OMTA, both the OMTA and MTNA forms are required and should be downloaded from the OMTA website.

For Active membership, a copy of a diploma or college transcript is needed. No proof of degree is required for student, provisional or institutional membership.

Fees are broken down into MTNA, OMTA and district dues, These should be combined in one check and written to MTNA. The materials fee is for obtaining Syllabus materials and a directory, but is optional for those not wishing these items.

All membership questions should initially be directed to **Barbara Gustafson**, State OMTA membership chair at bgriceklavier@hotmail.com (503-425-9939).



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QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE OREGON MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There are three methods for achieving ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

- a) **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP** in the Association may be granted to a person with a baccalaureate degree in music or a two year music pedagogy certificate from an accredited school, college or conservatory of music. Two years of music teaching is a pre-requisite for application.
- b) **PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP** may be granted for members not qualified under part (1). Provisional membership may be held while the applicant qualifies for active membership in one of three ways:

Route I. By completing work for a degree with music as a major from such schools as described in part (1).

Route II. By preparing pupils for OMTA syllabus evaluations as follows:

First Year: Present at least four pupils in two or more levels of syllabus evaluations.

Second Year: Present at least four pupils in three or more levels of syllabus evaluations. In both years the students must participate successfully. The adjudicator will evaluate the work for the teacher and the Membership Chair.

Route III. Teachers with two years teaching experience may enter syllabus evaluations themselves, in lieu of student evaluation. The teacher must pass an upper division evaluation and perform repertoire at that level from all four style periods. No previous syllabus exams accepted. Evaluations must take place during Provisional Membership. The usual fees will be charged.

Provisional members, upon completion of the requirements for any route to ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP shall fill out a new application form writing the words "Completed by Route I, II, or III". This application shall be sent to the State Membership Chair. No additional fee shall be charged for the final application. In case the requirements are not met in two years, a request maybe made through the District Membership Chair to the State Membership Chair for an extension.

Provisional Members shall not be eligible for any office or voting privilege in the Association. Such members may serve on committees and perform other helpful services as will enhance the aims of the Association. An exception to this rule would apply to newly organized Districts for the first two years after the District is organized.

- c) **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP through EXCEPTIONAL MERIT** may be awarded as follows: The District Membership Chair may present the qualifications of the applicant to the State Membership Chair. Such qualifications shall include years of study in his/her major instrument or voice, theoretical study, teaching experience and other professional activities. If the State Membership Chair approves, the application shall be reviewed by the OMTA Executive Board for final decision.

Section 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP is available for persons interested in music and the performance thereof. They shall not be engaged in the teaching of music. An associate member does not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 3. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP may be conferred by vote of the State Executive Board. This tribute shall be to a member who has rendered long and distinguished service to OMTA. Recommendation for such membership shall come through the District President. All rights and voting privileges shall be retained by those holding Life Memberships.

Section 4. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP shall be open to all students from grade nine (9) through age twenty six (26) who are currently involved in regular music study, or full-time college students currently involved in music study. College students need not be studying with a member of OMTA, however pre-college students are required to be studying with an OMTA teacher. Student members may enter their own students in OMTA Syllabus, OMTA festivals and other OMTA sponsored events. Student members may attend convention and other programs of the Association upon payment of registration fees. However, student members may not enter students in MTNA competitions, shall not have the right to vote, apply for State or National certification or hold office. In any District, they may form their own student chapter. All student chapters (sic) must have an advisor who is an active member of OMTA.

Section 5. PROCEDURE FOR ACTIVE, PROVISIONAL AND ASSOCIATE APPLICATIONS is as follows: All candidates for membership shall be recommended by a member of the Association who is familiar with and will vouch for his/her teaching ability and character. The candidate shall be endorsed by a second member. Both sponsoring members shall be in good standing with the Association. If the candidate meets all the requirements for membership in OMTA, the application shall be signed by the District Membership Chair who shall examine it and send it along with monies, MTNA application and proof of degree, if applicable, to the State Membership Chair who shall examine, sign and file it. The MTNA application and all monies shall then be sent to MTNA headquarters, and MTNA will return the state and local fees.

Section 6. MEMBERSHIP BY RECIPROCITY:

- a) Any MTNA Member, nationally certified, who moves to Oregon shall be granted active membership by reciprocity.
- b) Any MTNA member, not nationally certified, who moves to Oregon shall be granted active membership by reciprocity for a period of up to five years, during which time he/she shall fulfill Oregon's membership requirements.

Section 7. MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE: Any person residing outside an organized OMTA District shall contact the State Membership Chair directly. After the application form has been completed and validated the Membership Chair will send all fees and required forms to MTNA headquarters.

Section 8. REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP: No person who has been convicted of a crime involving the sexual or other abuse of a person shall be a member of OMTA. Any accusation that a member of OMTA has been convicted of a crime involving sexual or other abuse of a person shall be reported to the President of OMTA who, shall immediately report the accusation to the President of MTNA who shall appoint a three-person committee to ascertain the validity of a conviction. If the committee substantiates that a person has been convicted of a crime involving sexual or other abuse of a person, the President of MTNA shall immediately terminate the membership and the certification of that person. Any action authorized by the MTNA President in this resolution may be appealed to the Board of Directors of MTNA. Any membership terminated under this section shall be reinstated upon filing with the MTNA President a certified copy of the judgment reversing the conviction.