

Member Benefits & Resources

Individual Memberships

Student

Individuals who are interested in or preparing for a career in zoos or aquariums and are enrolled full-time or part-time as a student in a compulsory or higher education system.

Professional Associate

Employees of a non-AZA member zoo or aquarium, or actively seeking employment in the zoo/aquarium community. This category is also available to those who share a non-commercial professional interest such as volunteers and docents and those in related fields like conservation, academia and government.

Professional Affiliate

Employees of an AZA-accredited Institution, Certified Related Facility, Conservation Partner, Society Partner, or Commercial Member are eligible to apply. Professional Affiliate members have access to upgraded benefits.

Professional Fellow

Management-level employees at an AZA-accredited Institution, Certified Related Facility, or Society Partner are eligible. Professional Fellows help shape association policy by voting in AZA elections and are eligible to chair AZA committees and be considered to serve on the Board of Directors. Professional Fellow membership requires approval by institution's Director or CEO.

	Student	Professional Associate	Professional Affiliate	Professional Fellow
AZA Network Access	X	X	X	X
Connect Magazine Subscription	X	X	X	X
INSIGHT e-newsletter	X	X	X	X
Members-Only resources on AZA.org	X	X	X	X
Discounted conference registration	X	X	X	X
Pursue Training and conservation work through the Conservation Grants Fund	X	X	X	X
Discounted and free admissions at participating AZA facilities	X	X	X	X
View AZA's job listings board	X	X	X	X
Access to AZA's Online Member Directory	X	X	X	X
Eligibility to serve on AZA committees		X	X	X
Listing in AZA's Online Member Directory			X	X
Voting Rights in association elections				X
Eligibility to chair committees or serve on the AZA Board of Directors				X
Animal Exchange access				X
Eligible for the Executive Leadership Development Program				X

Organization Memberships

Commercial

Companies that are product or service providers or consultants that share an interest in zoos and aquariums may apply for Commercial membership. All Commercial Members have access to a variety of resources to help reach zoos, aquariums, and zoo/aquarium professionals.

	Commercial
Subscription to Connect Magazine	X
Discounted conference registration (up to 8 employees)	X
Annual AZA-accredited member mailing label service	X
Unlimited free job listings on AZA's Job Board	X
Members-only access to web content	X
AZA member recognition certificate	X
New member announcement in Connect Magazine	X
Insight e-newsletter	X
Discounted exhibitor rates, sponsorship opportunities	X
Exclusive digital and print advertising opportunities	X
Placement in the AZA Marketplace	X
Requests for Proposal distribution service	X
Discounted and free admissions at participating AZA facilities	X
Press room postings	X
AZA commercial member logo use	X
AZA Network access	X
Listing in the Online Member Directory	X

Conservation Partner

Conservation Partner members are organizations that support the vision, mission, and goals of zoos and aquariums. Conservation Partners can be, but are not limited to, conservation-focused organizations, university zoology departments, and other related organizations without a permanent wildlife collection.

Society Partner

Organizations that are directly associated with and support an AZA-accredited zoo or aquarium may become a Society Partner. This membership is only available to those partner group organizations supporting AZA-accredited members.

	Conservation Partner & Society Partner
Subscription to Connect Magazine	X
Discounted conference registration (up to 3 employees, Conservation Partner only)	X
Annual AZA-accredited member mailing label service	X
Unlimited free job listings on AZA's Job Board	X
Members-only access to web content	X
AZA member recognition certificate	X
New member announcement in Connect Magazine	X
Discounted exhibitor rates, sponsorship opportunities	X
Exclusive digital and print advertising opportunities	X
Eligibility for employees to serve as AZA Animal Programs officers	X
AZA Network access	X
Listing in the Online Member Directory	X
Organization listing on the AZA website	X

*Accredited and certified institutions not listed. For more information about accreditation, click [here](#).

Benefits Resources

Individual Members

- Stay informed with a member-exclusive subscription to AZA's [Connect magazine](#) and the monthly member e-newsletter, INSIGHT
- Tap into grants to pursue training and conservation work through the [Conservation Grants Fund](#) - eligibility only available to AZA members
- Save with deep discounts on AZA's [Annual Conference and Mid-Year Meeting](#)
- Plan field study at other zoos and aquariums and receive [discounted or free admissions](#)
- View AZA's [Job Listings board](#), where open positions are available across the country and internationally at zoos and aquariums
- Network with your peers on the [AZA Network](#), a private social networking community bringing together individuals to share knowledge, best practices and experiences.
- Membership provides access to AZA's [Professional Development Courses](#), where you'll learn skills and enhance career advancement opportunities
- Eligible for the [ELDP](#) (Executive Leadership Development Program). (Professional Fellows only)

Commercial

- Stay informed about the zoo and aquarium professional community with a member-exclusive subscription to AZA's [Connect magazine](#)
- Keep the zoo and aquarium community informed about your organization, with eligibility to purchase one-time use [mailing labels](#) (one free set per year upon request)
- Receives discounts on [conference registration](#) (up to eight organization staff) and exhibiting fees at the AZA Mid-Year Meeting and Annual Conference
- Access to broader partnerships ([Commercial Member Engagement Council](#)) and event sponsorship opportunities
- Free unlimited [job postings](#) on AZA's job board
- Placement in the [AZA Marketplace](#)-Online Buyer's Guide

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- Stay informed about the zoo and aquarium professional community with a member-exclusive subscription to AZA's [Connect magazine](#)
- Keep the zoo and aquarium community informed about your organization, with eligibility to purchase one-time use [mailing labels](#) (one free set per year upon request)
- Receive discounts on [conference registration](#) (for up to three organization staff), advertising, and exhibiting fees at the AZA Mid-Year Meeting and Annual Conference (Conservation Partner only)
- Eligibility for employees to serve as officers in AZA [Animal Programs](#)
- Network with your peers on the [AZA Network](#), a private social networking community bringing together individuals to share knowledge, best practices, and experiences.

For assistance with the benefits listed, please contact the Membership Service Department at membership@aza.org or 301-562-0777.

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