



Orthopaedic Trauma Association

Requirements for Membership

Active Advanced Practice Professional

Research Associate Clinical

Allied Health Candidate International Resident

International International Clinical International Research

The Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) encourages applications for membership from qualified orthopaedic surgeons who share its goals of advancing research and education in the treatment and prevention of injuries to the musculoskeletal system.

Active Membership:

- a. Be certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS), the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (AOBOS) or the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada-Orthopaedics {FRCS(C)} and hold a current certificate.
- b. Be a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or Canadian Orthopaedic Association (COA).
- c. Be a citizen of or practice in the United States or Canada.
- d. Act as the lead author of at least one, or co-author of at least three, scientific publication(s) in the field of or related to orthopaedic trauma, published in a peer-reviewed journal within the sixty months immediately preceding the application deadline. Consult the OTA web site at <http://www.ota.org> for a list of peer-reviewed journals.
- e. Spend 50% of professional time in clinical practice, teaching and/or research regarding matters directly related to orthopaedic traumatology.
- f. Maintain a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada or give evidence of full time medical service in the federal government which does not require licensure.
- g. Be active members of their hospital staff and fulfill the on-call requirements of their hospital in accord with their hospital rules/regulations/bylaws.
- h. Maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards.

- i. Be sponsored by two Active, Senior or Research members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, at least one of whom practices in an institution different from the applicant. One of the two sponsors may be an OTA International Member. Associate and Clinical members applying for active membership are not required to supply sponsors. Call the OTA office or visit the OTA website for a list of Active, International or Research members.
- j. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Note: Current Associate or Clinical Members DO NOT need sponsors when transitioning to Active Membership.

Advanced Practice Professional Membership:

- a. An Advanced Practice Professional member must be a Physician Assistant (PA) or Nurse Practitioner (NP) health care provider involved in the care of patients with musculoskeletal trauma injuries.
- b. Current licensure from licensing Board.
- c. One sponsor form or recommendation letter from an OTA Active or Research member.
- d. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Allied Health Membership:

- a. A non-physician health care provider involved in the care of patients with musculoskeletal trauma injuries.
- b. Current licensure from licensing Board.
- c. One sponsor form or recommendation letter from an OTA Active or Research member.
- d. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Associate Membership:

- a. Be a citizen of or practice in the United States or Canada.
- b. Act as the lead author of at least one, or co-author of at least three, scientific publication(s) in the field of or related to orthopaedic trauma, published in a peer-reviewed journal within the sixty months immediately preceding the application deadline. Consult the OTA web site at <http://www.ota.org> for a list of peer-reviewed journals.
- c. Spend 50% of professional time in clinical practice, teaching and/or research regarding matters directly related to orthopaedic traumatology.

- d. Maintain a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada or give evidence of full time medical service in the federal government which does not require licensure.
- e. Be active members of their hospital staff and fulfill the on-call requirements of their hospital in accordance with their hospital rules/regulations/bylaws.
- f. Maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards.
- g. Be sponsored by two Active, Senior or Research members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, at least one of whom practices in an institution different from the applicant. Call the OTA office or visit the OTA website for a list of Active or Research members. **Note:** Current Associate or Clinical Members DO NOT need sponsors when transitioning to Active Membership.
- h. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Candidate Membership:

- a. Participate in residency training emphasizing Orthopaedic Surgery or fellowship training in musculoskeletal trauma management. A Candidate member resident applicant must be participating in an American or Canadian Board approved Orthopaedic Surgery residency program.
- b. Be sponsored by one Active or Research OTA member, **or** provide a recommendation letter or signed sponsor form from a program chair or fellowship director.
- c. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

**** Candidate members will have a maximum **five (5) years from completion of residency training** to transition into another membership category (Active, Associate, or Clinical membership)****

Clinical – (former Community) Membership:

- a. Be certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS), the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (AOBOS) or the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada-Orthopaedics {FRCS(C)} and hold a current certificate.
- b. Be a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or Canadian Orthopaedic Association (COA).
- c. Be a citizen of or practice in the United States or Canada.
- d. Spend 50% of professional time in clinical practice, teaching and/or research regarding matters directly related to orthopaedic traumatology.
- e. Maintain a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada or give evidence of full time medical service in the federal government which does not require licensure.

- f. Maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards.
- g. Be sponsored by two Active or Research members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, at least one of whom practices in an institution different from the applicant.
Note: Current Associate or Community/Clinical Members DO NOT need sponsors when transitioning to Active Membership
- h. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

International Resident Membership:

- a. Participate in residency training emphasizing Orthopaedic Surgery or fellowship training in musculoskeletal trauma management.
- b. Be sponsored by one Active or International OTA member, **or** provide a recommendation letter from a program chair or fellowship director.
- c. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

**** Candidate members will have a maximum **five (5) years from completion of residency training** to transition into another membership category (International Active, International Research or International Clinical).****

International Active:

- a. Spend 50% of professional time in clinical practice, teaching and/or research regarding matters directly related to orthopaedic traumatology.
- b. Be certified by the appropriate licensing body and specialty review board of the country of the applicant's practice and hold a current certificate of qualification.
- c. Be a citizen or resident alien and practice in the country of residence.
- d. Act as the lead author of at least one, or co-author of at least three, scientific publication(s) in the field of or related to orthopaedic trauma, published in a peer-reviewed journal within the sixty months immediately preceding the application deadline. Consult the OTA web site at <http://www.ota.org> for a list of peer-reviewed journals
- e. Be a member, if available, of the country's trauma organization including orthopaedic trauma organization.
- f. Be sponsored by one Active Research or International members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.
- g. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

International Clinical:

- a. Spend 50% of professional time in clinical practice, teaching and/or research regarding matters directly related to orthopaedic traumatology.
- b. Be certified by the appropriate licensing body and specialty review board of the country of the applicant's practice and hold a current certificate of qualification.
- c. Be a citizen or resident alien and practice in the country of residence.
- d. Be a member, if available, of the country's trauma organization including orthopaedic trauma organization.
- e. Be sponsored by one Active, Research or International members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.
- f. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

International Research:

- a. At least 50% of the current research effort directed toward musculoskeletal trauma or related research.
- b. Authorship of a minimum of **five (5) peer-reviewed publications** relating to orthopaedic trauma or related research during the sixty months immediately preceding the application deadline.
- c. Research judged to be a significant contribution to the study of orthopaedic trauma, by a two-thirds vote of both the OTA Research Committee and the OTA Board of Directors.
- d. Be sponsored by one Active, Senior or Research members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association. One sponsor may be an International Member.
- e. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Research Membership:

- a. Citizenship of or residency in US or Canada.
- b. At least 50% of the current research effort directed toward musculoskeletal trauma or related research.
- c. Authorship of a minimum of **five (5) peer-reviewed publications** relating to orthopaedic trauma or related research during the sixty months immediately preceding the November 1 application deadline.
- d. Research judged to be a significant contribution to the study of orthopaedic trauma, by a two-thirds vote of both the OTA Research Committee and the OTA Board of Directors.
- e. Be sponsored by two Active or Research members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, at least one of whom practices in an institution different from the applicant.

- f. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Emeritus Membership: Upon attaining the age of 68 years and/or retired, members may apply to become Emeritus members and no longer need to meet the requirements of Active membership except requirement Emeritus members have no voting privileges, and are not required to pay annual dues. A written request for transfer to Emeritus membership must be received by the OTA staff office, who will forward it to the Board of Directors who can confer Emeritus status by majority vote.

Active Military Duty Dues Waiver: Orthopaedic Trauma Association Members of any category may apply for a waiver of dues while on active military duty. The member must submit written documentation from their commanding officer indicating the member was on active military duty for a portion of the calendar year for which the waiver is requested. The letter along with a request for waiver of membership dues for the calendar year should be forwarded to the Membership Chair who will present this request to the Board of Directors for approval.

Instructions for Completion of Application

Note: To be considered in a given year, the deadline for receipt of applications and materials is May 1st or November 1 of that year. Applications are then reviewed and acted upon by the OTA Membership Committee and the OTA Board of Directors. Accepted applicants will then be notified.

Please review the accompanying list of membership categories and their requirements to ensure that you are applying for the appropriate category.

1. An online application must be completed in its entirety.
2. The following must be provided online and accompany your online application:
 - a) Current curriculum vitae (word.doc)
 - b) A recent photograph (jpeg/jpg or gif.)
 - c) Payment in the amount of \$50.00 (USD) by Visa, MasterCard or AMEX (current members applying for a new category, active duty military, SIGN members and current year Guest Nation applicant from India are exempt from the \$50 application fee).
3. Sponsor forms can be filled out online by sponsors or faxed to the OTA office.
4. No applications will be processed until all required documents are received by the OTA staff office.

Two Application Deadlines:

May 1st and November 1st