## **MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

ASI membership is available to any Seventh-day Adventist church member in good standing who operates a business, provides a professional service, or operates a supporting ministry. We also welcome students and recent graduates who are just beginning their careers. Members may not receive any salary from any Seventh-day Adventist denominational organization. Only Organizational Non-Profit members may solicit or accept donations. Multilevel marketers are not eligible for membership. Members of ASI wholeheartedly agree to order their lives and work according to the ASI objectives and principles outlined in the ASI mission and vision statements. Continued membership is contingent upon the member conducting their business or ministry in harmony with Seventh-day Adventist principles and personally remaining in good and regular standing with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Organizational For-Profit 10-25 employees.....\$310 26-40 employees..... ...\$420 40+ employees..... ..\$420 + \$1.50/employee above 40 Organizational Non-Profit..... ..\$250 Personal......\$150 Executive Professional .\$250 Sole Proprietor..... ..\$200 Retired Business or Professional..... ...\$150 Young Professional......\$25

## **ABOUT ASI**

ASI's philosophy promotes a Christ-centered lifestyle, manifested by a commitment to be in daily partnership with God. ASI members seek to experience God's love in their own lives and share that love with the people they encounter in their everyday work and activities—hence ASI's motto, Sharing Christ in the Marketplace. Furthermore, ASI is committed to supporting the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its various outreach programs, which include health, education, evangelism, community services, family concerns and special projects. This unique and diverse group of members ranges from business owners to individual professionals to supporting ministries. In short, ASI members are Adventists from every walk of life.

## **OUR MISSION**

ASI—the organization of Seventh-day Adventist lay persons involved in professions, industry, education, and/or services—exists to provide challenge, nurture and experience in Sharing Christ in the Marketplace as well as to support the global mission of the Seventhday Adventist Church.

## **OUR VISION**

ASI and its members will be known for their unswerving honesty in business principles and practices, unflagging participation in the various ministries of the Church, unwavering positiveness toward Church leadership, unhesitating provision for the needs of others, and untiring focus on the Christ they represent in the marketplace.

# INTERESTED IN JOINING? CONTACT US TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# BETTER UNDERSTAND OUR MEMBERSHIP PLANS AND WHERE YOU BEST FIT IN.

#### ORGANIZA-TIONAL FOR-PROFIT

1

Organizational For-Profit membership shall be held in the name of the organization. An organization may qualify for membership if it has a minimum of two full-time equivalent (FTE) paid employees or volunteers, including the owner/ director. It must also have been in operation for at least one year. An owner/director who has been a member of ASI for five years or more and retires or sells the organization may become a Personal member of ASL

#### ORGANIZA-TIONAL NON-PROFIT

**2**\*

Organizational Non-Profit membership shall be held in the name of the organization. An organization may qualify for membership if it has a minimum of two full-time equivalent (FTE) paid employees or volunteers, including the owner/ director. It must also have been in operation for at least one year. An owner/director who has been a member of ASI for five years or more and retires or sells the organization may become a Personal member of ASI.

## EXECUTIVE PROFESSIONAL

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**Executive Profes**sional membership is available to managers who have held their positions for at least one year, who have the authority to hire and fire employees, and who supervise a minimum of two FTEs. Examples include executive officers, department managers, and managing physicians employed by nonmember organizations.

### SOLE PROPRIETOR

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Sole Proprietor membership shall be held in the name of the business and is available to owner/ operators who employ no one other than themselves. An applicant's business must have been in continuous operation for a minimum of one year. Examples may include accountants, visual or performing artists, child care providers, and counselors.

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#### RETIRED BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL

Retired Business or Professional membership is available to individuals who would have been eligible for Organizational, Executive Professional, or Sole Proprietor membership during their active professional lives, but who have retired or sold their businesses. This category is for people who have not previously been members of ASI.



## ASSOCIATE

Associate membership is available to individuals who have a "high level of responsibility" in an organization controlled by someone else, but who are not executives or managers and who do not supervise any other employees. They must have held their positions for at least one year. Examples may include physicians, dentists, attorneys, research scientists, and auditors.

#### YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

Young Professional membership is available to students or entry-level professionals between the ages of 18 and 35. Young Professional members must transition within three years of becoming eligible for another membership category. Examples include current students, recent graduates beginning their careers, individuals in professional internships or residencies, and young entrepreneurs starting businesses.

\*Organizational Non-Profit applicants must submit copies of their: 1) Articles of Incorporation; 2) Constitution and Bylaws; 3) 501(c)(3) Determination Letter from the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) which recognizes the organization as a tax-exempt charity. ASI requires all Organizational Non-profit members to include the following four clauses somewhere in their corporate documents: 1) A statement of support for the mission and message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2) A requirement that all board members and officers be baptized Seventh-day Adventists in good standing, 3) A requirement that the board shall have a minimum of five members, three of whom are unrelated to each other by blood or marriage, and 4) A dissolution clause stating that, in the event the organization ceases to function, any remaining assets will be transferred to another Adventist-owned 501(c)(3) organization of the member's choosing. \*\*Associate and Young Professional members do not have voting privileges.