

Benefits of Membership

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The Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA) believes that every person with learning disabilities can succeed in school, at work, in relationships, and within the community—when provided the right supports and the right opportunities.

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What do Members have to say?

Parents

“I became a member of LDA because my son was struggling in school and I was able to get the resources I needed from LDA to share with my son’s teachers and to help at home. It also gave me the peace of mind that I am not alone.”

Beth, parent, Texas



Educators

“I became a member of LDA because the students in my classroom needed more individualized attention and LDA provided the resources and support to help me help my students. I often share what I learn with colleagues.”

Ernie, classroom teacher, Illinois



Adults with LD

“My membership in LDA means that I have access to the laws that protect me as an adult with learning disabilities helping me be an advocate for myself. It also provides the types of accommodations that I might receive to help me succeed in the classroom and in the workplace.”

Jodi, Pennsylvania



Professionals

“As a pediatrician I often see parents who are unsure of where to turn after their child is diagnosed with a learning disability. I refer them to LDA to help them start on their journey.”

– Dr. Susan Smith

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Why LDA?

- LDA is the voice for individuals with learning disabilities of all ages and their families.

- **LDA** is the leading advocate for laws and policies that create opportunities for individuals with learning disabilities.
- **LDA** is the only national organization to promote opportunities to meet others in the same situation through state affiliate membership.
- **LDA** is a leading source for information on learning disabilities, practical solutions, and a comprehensive network of resources at the national, state and local level.
- **LDA** is a support to individuals with learning disabilities, their families, educators and other professionals who serve the learning disability community.



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Benefits of Membership:

- A **Support System** through local and state affiliate representatives who are parents, educators and professionals and understand the needs of the learning disabilities community.
- A **Community Forum** available only to members to ask questions and get answers from experts and other individuals who may have had the same experiences.
- A **Policy Director** who advocates in the best interest of LDA's members.
- An **Advocacy** program that provides legislative updates, advocacy training materials and LDA's position on many LD related topics that affect our members.
- A **Resource** and wealth of information on our website for parents, educators, adults and professionals to help navigate through the LD maze.
- A **Guide** for those "[New to LD](#)" , a source of information on diagnosis, assessment and evaluation, and how to navigate the school system.
- **LDA Today** – A bi-monthly electronic newsletter for members-only with up-to-date information on learning disabilities and topics of interest, including advocacy efforts.
- **News briefings** of the week's top stories on learning disabilities and related topics via **THE LD SOURCE**, a free, opt-in (weekly) e-mail resource
- **News from Washington**– monthly reports on legislative issues via **LDA Legislative News**
- A **Discount** at state and national conferences that feature leading-edge speakers as well as experienced, knowledgeable and thought-provoking presenters to conference attendees as well as an exhibit hall with vendors dedicated to serving the learning disabilities community.
- A **Discount Subscription** to *Learning Disabilities: A Multidisciplinary Journal* , a peer-reviewed journal published quarterly. Please visit [Sagamore Publishing](#) to subscribe or for more details.
- A members-only **Access to Professional Liability, General Liability and Abuse and Molestation defense coverage**, at a reduced rate for members in private practice.
- A **Direct Information** line via a toll-free call-in line, (888) 300-6710.

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Why is Membership Important?

As an advocacy organization, membership is what keeps LDA thriving and allows our voices and those of the

children and families whom we serve to be heard. The support we receive through membership in LDA enables us to:

- Unite individuals, families and professionals who have a shared commitment to individuals with learning disabilities.
- Raise awareness about learning disabilities among policymakers and the public at large.
- Advocate to preserve, enhance and expand access to services for children and adults with learning disabilities.
- Represent the needs and interests of children and adults with learning disabilities to regulatory and policy-making entities.
- Create and distribute policy and position statements and public testimony on various aspects of policies that impact the lives of children and adults with learning disabilities.
- Develop Action Alerts on crucial national legislation.
- Collaborate with professional and advocacy organizations on public policy at the national level.

LDA never shares or sells membership information!

Questions about Membership?

Please contact our National Office at (412) 341-1515 x 209. Our business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm Eastern Time.

Join Today!

Complete our easy [Online Membership Application](#) or use our Printable [LDA Membership Application](#) to join by mail or fax. Need to register an organization by mail? Click here to use our printable [LDA Organizational Membership Application](#).

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Thank You! Your membership will help create opportunities for individuals with learning disabilities nationally AND in your community!