



Policy: Membership Categories & Benefits

RESPONSIBILITY: ARSL BOARD

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Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline various membership levels and the benefits associated with each level. All rates shall be approved by the ARSL Board of Directors.

Personal Membership

Personal memberships are available on a sliding scale dependent upon income levels.

Personal members

- Support the premier organization focused on small and rural libraries and the communities they serve
- Aid in providing a voice for rural and small libraries on the national library scene
- Have access to the best resources for continuing education specifically targeted to support the development of staff from small and rural libraries
- Have access to potential development opportunities through a variety of volunteer committee and leadership roles
- Combine their voice with others to influence the national agenda on issues relating to small and rural libraries

Benefits:

- Access to rural and small library professionals via the ARSL listserv
- Access for extended networking opportunities via internet based video roundtables



- Access to the ARSL Membership Directory
- Discount on annual conference registration
- Opportunities to grow professional development skills by serving on a committee or Board of Directors

ARSL Angel

An ARSL Angel is someone who donates an additional minimum gift above their membership rate, as set by the Board of Directors.

Benefits:

- Benefits associated with their selected member level
- Special acknowledgement at annual conference

Institutional Membership

Institutional members are libraries including individual libraries, library systems or cooperatives, and State Libraries.

Institutional members:

- Support the premier organization focused on small and rural libraries and the communities they serve.
- Have access to the best resources for continuing education specifically targeted to support the development of staff from small and rural libraries.
- Have access to potential development opportunities for their staff as they serve in a variety of volunteer committee and leadership roles
- Combine their voice with others to influence the national agenda on issues relating to small and rural libraries.

Benefits:

- Membership benefits assigned to three library employees, including member rates for annual conference registration
- Transferability of membership benefits should an employee leave their position
- Complimentary listing on the ARSL website



Affiliate Membership

Affiliate members are other non-profit organizations whose purpose or interests are similar to ARSL

Affiliate Members:

- Support the premier organization focused on small and rural libraries and the communities they serve
- Increase the visibility of your organization and its mission to libraries across the nation
- Have easy access to connect with library professionals from a variety of small and rural libraries via ARSL member communications and annual conference.

Benefits:

- Reduced member rate conference registration for one representative from the organization
- Complementary logo or weblink placement on the ARSL website
- Use of the ARSL Affiliate Member logo on affiliate's website
- Complimentary logo placement on the ARSL annual conference program
- Opportunity to place literature at the information or registration space at the annual conference.
- Opportunity to share information about their activities on ARSL electronic listserv
- Opportunity to submit information about their activities for possible inclusion in ARSL member communications.

Business Membership

Business members are for-profit entities.

Business Members:

- Support the premier organization focused on small and rural libraries and the communities they serve
- Extend their reach to library professionals who are key players in their library systems



- Exhibit at a national conference that targets staff from small and rural libraries to build connections with front-line staff
- Strengthen their company's profile with thought leaders

Benefits:

- Discounted exhibit space at annual conference, which includes registration for one representative from your organization
- One complimentary electronic copy of the ARSL member mailing list
- Complimentary logo or weblink on the ARSL website
- Use of the ARSL Business Member logo on member's website

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