



Membership Chair

Thank you for taking on this very important role within your Home & School Association. *Members* are the most important resource of the Federation. *Members* are the advocates for children and youth at schools, district school boards and government ministries. *Members* determine the policies and the direction of the Federation. *Members* provide the additional funding which keeps the Federation operating. *Members* take on the leadership roles which ensure that the Federation will continue to advocate on behalf of children and youth in Ontario. *Members* advance the objectives of the Federation, while striving to obtain “*The Best for Each Student*”.

The Federation has many resources available to members. Please visit the *For Members* page on the OFHSA website or contact the office for any resources to aid in promoting and boosting membership in your school community.

Here is some important membership information:

- 1. Memberships are valid from October 1st to September 30th.** New members do not have voting privileges until 20 days after membership is purchased. Renewing members continue with voting privileges.
- 2. Membership cards are provided free of charge from the OFHSA office.** Please contact the office to have cards delivered to the Association. Individual membership payment envelopes are also available.
- 3. The Federation membership fee is \$15.00.** Associations may charge more or less if they wish, but \$15 per membership sold must be remitted to the OFHSA office.
- 4. The Association and its members are covered by OFHSA’s *Liability Insurance Coverage*,** provided that the Association Membership List, including full member names and contact information is on file at the OFHSA office and provided that the Association also submits the annual ***Association Insurance Fee***.
- 5. The Association Membership List is included.** Please ensure the required member contact information is complete. *The Association Membership List and fees must be remitted to the OFHSA office as collected.* Memberships on file at the OFHSA office as of December 31st determine the number of voting delegates eligible to represent the Association at the OFHSA Annual Meeting. Memberships purchased after January 1st do not influence the number of eligible voting delegates.
- 6. The Association Membership Summary Form is included.** Please forward to the OFHSA office: the completed Association Membership Summary form; a copy of the

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completed Association Membership List; and an Association cheque for the fees collected along with the annual ***Association Insurance Fee***.

There are several categories of membership in OFHSA:

Family Membership: \$15 fee

Two adults (18 or over), living at the same address. **BOTH** names are listed on one membership card and entered on the Association Membership List. Counted as **two members** for determining voting delegates.

Individual Membership: \$15 fee

One adult (18 or over). Counted as **one member** for determining voting delegates.

Life Membership: \$100 one-time fee to the Association.

One member who has been awarded an *Association Life Membership* purchased from the Federation by the Association. Identify as a '*Life Member*' on the Association Membership List and card. Counted as **one member** for determining voting delegates. No fee to the member is required after the initial award has been granted.

Associate Membership: No fee to the Federation, optional fee to the Association.

An individual or family maintaining primary membership at another Association is identified on the Association Membership List as an '*Associate Member*'. No federation fee is required, however the association may charge a fee. Not eligible in determining the number of association voting delegates (member is counted at the primary association).

Alumni Membership: \$15 fee (January to December)

Alumni members purchase their single or family memberships through the Federation. These are individuals who no longer have direct ties to an association school, but wish to continue to support and be involved in the work of the Federation. If you know of someone who wishes to purchase this type of membership, please refer them to the OFHSA office.

Membership fees are the main revenue source for the Federation.

- Please send in additional membership lists and fees as memberships are sold throughout the year.
- OFHSA Liability Insurance Coverage requires that the federation office has all member names on file.

Thank you for your commitment to students, parents, your association and the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations.

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN!

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