

# IECA MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES



IECA offers three categories of membership: Professional, Associate, and Student. These descriptions will help you determine which is right for you. Dues are payable using a variety of payment plans and are pro-rated based on date of acceptance.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The professional membership category is for independent educational consultants who have demonstrated a professional mastery with years of experience. Professional Membership dues are \$600 annually.

### Professional membership requirements include:

- A master's degree or higher from an accredited institution. Or alternatively, an applicant may demonstrate comparable educational training or appropriate professional experience.
- Three years of experience in educational placement counseling or admissions, including a minimum of one year of independent educational consulting.
- Professional references from at least three college or independent school admissions officers or psychologists/ counselors or other educational counseling professionals with whom the applicant has worked in the admission process. One reference may be from an IECA member or a client family.
- Minimum number of students advised (during the previous three years) on school, college, or program admission: a) 35 students advised in private practice; **or** b) 50 students advised: a minimum of 10 students advised in private practice; the balance personally advised as a counselor or admission professional.
- A minimum number of evaluative campus visits within each specialty area (only specialties you choose for yourself apply):

College	50 visits
Boarding/Day Schools	25 visits
LD Schools/Programs*	25 visits
Troubled Teen Programs*	50 visits
Graduate & Professional School*	25 visits

*\*A supplemental application is required for acceptance in these specialty areas. The application can be downloaded from: [www.iecaonline.com/membership\\_specialty.html](http://www.iecaonline.com/membership_specialty.html) or you can call the IECA office for this form.*

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate membership is for those new to the field of independent educational consulting, who expect to meet membership requirements within two years, or those who are transitioning into the field of independent consulting from a school or institutional position. Associate members receive many of the benefits of professional membership, excluding listing in the IECA print or online directory. Associate Membership dues are \$300 annually.

### Associate membership requirements include:

- One year minimum experience in educational placement counseling or admissions. Or alternatively by completing IECA's Summer Training Institute, a University of California College Counseling Certificate Program, or the UC Irvine Independent Educational Consultant Certificate Program.
- One reference from an IECA member, or a college or independent school admissions officer, or other educational counseling professional.
- Established, or be in the process of transitioning to, an independent educational consulting practice.
- Begun working toward the professional membership requirement of evaluative campus visits and number of clients advised.
- Minimum of a bachelor's degree.

## STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Student membership is designed for graduate level students studying educational placement counseling or a related field, who are not yet advising students, have not yet established an independent educational consulting practice, and who do not yet qualify for another membership category in the Association. Student Membership dues are \$60 annually.

### Student membership requirements include:

- A bachelor's degree; currently enrolled in an appropriate graduate degree program or certificate program (must be enrolled in at least two graduate level courses simultaneously).
- Proof of graduate school enrollment.
- Not working as an independent educational consultant.