



# American Telugu Association

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## MEMBERS

The ATA shall have three (3) categories of members who constitute the general body. The designation of such category and the qualification of the members of such category shall be as follows:

**A. GRAND PATRON MEMBER:** Any person who qualifies as per the section 2 of this article and pay the prescribed membership dues becomes a Grand patron member.

**B. PATRON MEMBER:** Any person who qualifies as per the section 2 of this article and pays the prescribed membership dues becomes a Patron Member.

**C. LIFE MEMBER:** Any person who qualifies as per the section 2 of this article and pay the prescribed membership dues becomes a Life Member

## MEMBERSHIP DEFINITION AND QUALIFICATIONS

**Definition:** Grand patrons, patrons and life members are entitled to family membership. Any person becoming a member of ATA shall:

- A. Fill out the membership application form.
- B. Pay the appropriate membership dues.
- C. Abide by the objectives and purposes of ATA as defined in
- D. Be at least 18 years of age.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

**A.** The Board of Trustees may revise the membership dues from time to time with the approval of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of the full board. Any revision in the membership dues shall be made only once in a calendar year and shall be implemented from the beginning of next calendar year.

**B.** Funds received from Corporations, Charitable Trust Funds, Associations or any entities shall not be considered towards membership dues. Funds received from any individuals on behalf of the third party, shall not be considered towards membership dues. Third party is the one who is not a member (husband or wife or children) of family.

**C.** Donations received for any other causes other than for specific membership dues shall not be considered towards membership dues.

**D.** Any member can upgrade his/her membership status to higher level of his/her choice by paying the difference in membership dues with in the same calendar year. Membership status shall be effective from the date of the receipt of the payment.

## WITHDRAWALS

Any member may request withdrawal in writing at any time to the Board of Trustees. Upon approval of such request by the Board of Trustees the Secretary shall strike his or her name from the rolls. Any member requesting withdrawal will not have claim to any dues contributed to the organization.

### **DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS**

Documented activities against the purposes of the organization as defined in Article II shall constitute grounds for disqualification from membership. These allegations shall be communicated to the member by the Board of Trustees through registered mail. The alleged member shall then be entitled to a hearing before the Board of Trustees on such charges and shall be entitled to a full opportunity to be heard. In order to be eligible for the aforementioned, the alleged member should request in writing by certified mail such hearing within sixty (60) days from the receipt of the above notification. Any member may be disqualified on the grounds of anti-organization activity, defamation of the office bearers of the organization, incompetence, corruption, favoritism, extortion, or oppression in office, or gross misconduct in a board meeting called for such purpose. Approval of two-third of the full board shall be required for such disqualification of membership rights after the due process.

### **VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

Except as hereinafter provided in Article IV for the election of the Board of Trustees, each family member (single- 1 member; married- 2 members) shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to voting in respective categories of memberships, provided he or she has been a member as of last day of the month, 3 months prior to the date of voting, and has completed, signed, and filed with the Secretary a membership form. Any changes in marital status and change of address shall be notified in writing to the Secretary by the member by the above date

### **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and time of any General Body meeting of members and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered either personally, by electronic media or by mail, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than twenty-one (21) and not more than forty (40) days prior to the date of such meeting, by the Secretary. If mailed such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States Mail, addressed to the member at his or her address as it appears, as of last day of the month, 3 months prior to the date of voting, on the records of the organization.

### **Section 8: QUORUM**

The quorum for any meeting shall be 10% of each category of the members entitled to vote at any meeting, present in person, shall constitute a quorum. All proposals, except amendments to constitution, are considered approved if voted by simple majority in each category of the members present at the meeting. No proxies shall be permitted for purpose of quorum.

### **Section 9: NO PRIVATE INTERESTS:**

The organization shall be operated exclusively for the purposes set forth in Article II and none of its net earnings shall inure, in whole or in part, in the benefit of any person or organization having a personal or private interest in the activities of the ATA.



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## AMERICAN TELUGU ASSOCIATION

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Profession \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Children 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name & Age) 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL DONATIONS TO ATA

Towards: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

- Grand Patron \$5,000       Patron \$1,000       Life \$100

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Definition: Grand Patrons, Patrons and Life Members are entitled to family membership.

Qualifications: Any person becoming a member of ATA shall:

- A. Fill out the membership application form.
- B. Pay the appropriate membership dues in one installment.
- C. Abide by the objectives and purposes of ATA as defined in ATA constitution.
- D. Be at least 18 years of age.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### ATA SPONSORED PROJECTS

- VIDYA DANAM (Scholarships for high school students in A.P.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- FLUOROSIS PREVENTION IN A.P. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- HIV/AIDS EDUCATION (In High Schools and Colleges in A.P.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- OTHER (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For additional information :  
Please contact [atahome@ameritech.net](mailto:atahome@ameritech.net)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ VISA/MC/AMEX No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail the checks to: American Telugu Association, P.O. Box 4496, Naperville, IL 60567*

#### Official Use Only

Member ID \_\_\_\_\_

Category ID \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership solicited by: \_\_\_\_\_

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