Why Join a Professional Organization?

Joining a professional organization is an invaluable component to your career and professional development. They will serve as a resource for you now as a college student and for the rest of your career. There are several reasons you should explore various associations and join one (or a few) while you are still in school.

- **Networking:** Professional organizations generally meet on a regular basis and host conferences/workshops. These are great opportunities to meet potential employers and start building your professional network. Where else can you go where the room is filled with professionals working in your field of interest?
- **Discounted Dues:** Yes, there is a fee associated with joining a professional organization. However, as a student the fee is generally discounted by a large amount. Joining now as a student will save you money in the long run.
- **Scholarships:** Many professional organizations offer scholarships for student members. Some scholarships may award you the opportunity to attend conferences/workshops, others may pay your annual dues.
- **Job Opportunities:** Most professional organizations have job postings that only members can access.
- **Professional Development:** As you move further into your field of interest it will be important to keep up with the latest trends/research. Professional organizations give you the opportunity to stay current in your field.

**Accounting**
- Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation: [http://www.acatcredentials.org](http://www.acatcredentials.org)
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants: [http://www.aicpa.org](http://www.aicpa.org)
- American Society of Women Accountants: [http://www.aswa.org](http://www.aswa.org)
- National Association of State Boards of Accountancy: [http://www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org)
- National Society of Accountants: [http://www.nsacct.org](http://www.nsacct.org)
- Society of Actuaries: [http://www.soa.org](http://www.soa.org)
- Institute of Management Accountants, [www.imanet.org](http://www.imanet.org)
- The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) - Portland Chapter: [http://www.imapdx.org/](http://www.imapdx.org/)
- Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants: [https://secure.orcpa.org/](https://secure.orcpa.org/)

**Finance**
- American Finance Association: [http://www.afajof.org](http://www.afajof.org)
- American Financial Services Association: [http://www.americanfinsvcs.com](http://www.americanfinsvcs.com)
- American Bankers Association: [www.aba.com](http://www.aba.com)
- Risk Management Association: [www.rmahq.org](http://www.rmahq.org)
- Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association: [www.sifma.org](http://www.sifma.org)

**Marketing**
- American Marketing Association: [http://www.marketingpower.com/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.marketingpower.com/Pages/default.aspx)
- Direct Marketing Association: [http://www.the-dma.org](http://www.the-dma.org)
• Marketing Research Association: http://www.marketingresearch.org/
• Marketing Research Association- Northwest Chapter: http://www.marketingresearch.org/northwest
• Society for Marketing Professional Services: http://www.smps.org
• Society for Marketing Professional Services- Oregon Chapter: http://www.smposoregon.org/index.html

Economics
• American Economic Association: http://www.aeaweb.org/
• National Association for Business Economics: http://www.nabe.com
• Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference: http://www.pnrec.org/
• Seattle Economics Council: http://www.seattleeconomicscouncil.org/Pages/default.aspx
• Association for Social Economics: http://www.socialeconomics.org/

Global Business
• NASBITE International: http://www.nasbite.org/
• Academy of International Business: https://aib.msu.edu/
• Academy of International Business- US West Chapter: https://aib.msu.edu/community/chapters/CH_US_West.asp

Operations and Technology Management
Logistics and Transportation
• Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals: http://cscmp.org/
Management Information Systems
• American Society for Information Science: www.asis.org/
• American Society for Information Science- Pacific Northwest Chapter: http://www.asis.org/Chapters/pnc.html
• Association for Computing Machinery: http://www.acm.org/
• Society for Information Management: http://www.simnet.org/
• Society for Information Management- Portland Chapter: http://www.simpdx.org/

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management
• Entrepreneurs’ Organization: http://www.eonetwork.org/Pages/welcome.aspx
• Entrepreneurs’ Organization- Portland Chapter: http://eoaccess.eonetwork.org/Portland/Pages/default.aspx
• National Association for the Self-Employed: www.nase.org/
• National Federation of Independent Business: http://www.nfib.com/
• National Federation of Independent Business- Oregon Chapter: http://www.nfib.com/oregon

Education
• National Education Association: http://www.nea.org/
• Oregon Education Association: http://www.oregoned.org/
• American Federation of Teachers: http://www.aft.org/
• American Federation of Teachers- Oregon Chapter: http://or.aft.org/

Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Endorsement
• National Science Teachers Association: http://www.nsta.org/
• Oregon Science Teachers Association: http://www.oregonscience.org/

French, German, and Spanish Endorsement
• American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: http://www.actfl.org/
• Confederation in Oregon for Language Teaching: http://coftoregon.ning.com/
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Language Arts Endorsement
- National Council of Teachers of English: http://www.ncte.org/
- Oregon Council of Teachers of English: http://www.octe.org/

Social Studies Endorsement
- Oregon Council of the Social Studies: http://www.oregonsocialstudies.org/

Advanced Mathematics Endorsement
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics: www.nctm.org/
- Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics: http://www.octm.org/

Engineering
- National Society of Professional Engineers: www.nspe.org/
- Professional Engineers of Oregon: http://www.oregonengineers.org/
- American Council of Engineering Companies: http://www.acec.org/
- American Council of Engineering Companies- Oregon Chapter: www.acecoregon.org
- Society of Women Engineers: www.swe.org/
- Society of Women Engineers- Region J (Northwest Star Region): http://www.swe.org/regionJ/

Civil Engineering
- American Society of Civil Engineers: http://www.asce.org/
- American Society of Civil Engineers- Oregon Section: http://www.asceor.org/

Electrical Engineering
- The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering: www.ieee.org/
- The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering- Region 6; Oregon Section: http://www.ieee-oregon.org/

Mechanical Engineering
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers: http://www.asme.org/
- Oregon Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers: http://asmeoregon.wordpress.com/

Computer Science
- IEEE Computer Society: http://www.computer.org
- American Society for Information Science: www.asis.org/

Nursing
- American Nurses Association: www.nursingworld.org
- Oregon Nurses Association: http://www.oregonrn.org/
- National Student Nurses Association: www.nsna.org
- Oregon Student Nurses Association: http://www.oregonsna.org/index.html
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses: http://www.aacn.org/
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses- Greater Portland Chapter: http://www.aacngpc.org/
- Emergency Nurses Association: www.ena.org/
• Oregon Emergency Nurses Association: http://www.oregonena.org/
• National League for Nursing: www.nln.org

Biology
• American Institute of Biological Sciences: http://www.aibs.org/home/index.html
• Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology: http://www.faseb.org/Home.aspx
• American Association for the Advancement of Science: http://www.aaas.org/
• American Association for the Advancement of Science- Pacific Division: http://associations.sou.edu/aaaspd/
• American Society for Microbiology: http://www.asmusa.org/
• American Society for Microbiology- Northwest Branch: https://twitter.com/ASMNorthwest

Chemistry
• American Chemical Society: www.acs.org/
• American Chemical Society- Portland Local Section: http://portland-or.sites.acs.org/
• American Association for the Advancement of Science: http://www.aaas.org/
• American Association for the Advancement of Science- Pacific Division: http://associations.sou.edu/aaaspd/
• American Institute of Chemists: http://www.theaic.org

Communication Studies
• National Communication Association: http://www.natcom.org/
• Western States Communication Association: http://www.westcomm.org
• Public Relations Society of America: www.prsa.org/
• Public Relations Society of America- Portland Metro Chapter: http://www.prsa.org/Network/Chapters/Minisites/display/016/Portland_Metro_Partnership
• National Association of Broadcasters: www.nab.org/
• Oregon Association of Broadcasters: www.theoab.org/
• Magazine Publishers of America: www.magazine.org/
• The Association for Women in Communications: www.womcom.org/

Organizational Communication
• National Communication Association: http://www.natcom.org/
• Western States Communication Association: http://www.westcomm.org
• Association for Business Communication: http://businesscommunication.org/
• American Association of Advertising Agencies: http://www.aaaa.org
• Society for Human Resource Management: http://www.shrm.org
• The Portland Human Resource Management Association: http://www.portlandhrma.org/

English
• American Society of Journalists and Authors: www.asja.org
• Association of American Publishers: www.publishers.org
• Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers: http://www.alscw.org/
• Newspaper Association of America: www.naa.org
• Writers Guild of America, West: www.wga.org
• Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators: www.scbwi.org/
• Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators- Oregon Chapter: http://www.scbwior.com/
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Environmental Science
- Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences: www.aess.info/
- National Association of Environmental Professionals: http://www.naep.org/
- Northwest Association of Environmental Professionals: http://www.nwaep.org
- North American Association for Environmental Education: http://www.naee.net/
- Society of Wetland Scientists: www.sws.org/
- Society of Wetland Scientists- Pacific Northwest Chapter: http://www.sws.org/regional/pacificnw/

History
- American Historical Association: www.historians.org/
- Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association: http://pcb.cgu.edu/
- The Organization of American Historians: www.oah.org/
- National Council for History Education: www.nche.net/
- American Association for State and Local History: www.aaslh.org/
- The Oregon Historical Society: http://www.ohs.org
- Oregon Museums Association: http://www.oregonmuseums.org/
- Southern Oregon Historical Society: http://www.sohs.org/home

International Language and Culture
- Association of International Educators: http://www.nafsa.org/
- Association of International Educators- Region I (WA, OR, ID, AK, BC): http://www.nafsa.org/Connect_and_Network/Engage_with_a_Community/NAFSA_Regions/Region_I/
- Foreign Policy Association: http://www.fpa.org/
- American Translators Association: http://www.atanet.org/
- Northwest Translators and Interpreters Society: http://www.notisnet.org/

Mathematics
- American Mathematical Society: www.ams.org/
- American Mathematical Society- Western Section: http://www.ams.org/meetings/sectional/sectional-index
- Association for Women in Mathematics: https://sites.google.com/site/awmmath/
- Mathematical Association of America: http://www.maa.org/
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics: www.siam.org/

Performing and Fine Arts- Drama
- The Association of Performing Arts Presenters: http://www.apap365.org
- American Association of Community Theater: www.aact.org/
- Screen Actors Guild: www.sagaftra.org/
- Screen Actors Guild- Portland: http://www.sagaftra.org/portland
- Educational Theater Association: http://schooltheatre.org/
- Educational Theater Association- Oregon Thespians: http://www.oregonthespians.org/
Performing and Fine Arts - Music

- The Association of Performing Arts Presenters: http://www.apap365.org
- National Association for Music Education: http://www.nafme.org/
- Oregon Music Education Association: http://www.oregonmusic.org/
- American Federation of Musicians: http://www.afm.org/

Philosophy

- American Philosophical Association: http://www.apaonline.org/
- American Philosophical Association - Pacific Division: http://apa-pacific.org/
- Association of Practical and Professional Ethics: http://appe.indiana.edu/
- American Philosophical Society: http://www.amphilsoc.org/

Physics

- American Association for the Advancement of Science: http://www.aaas.org/
- American Association for the Advancement of Science - Pacific Division: http://associations.sou.edu/aaaspd/
- Society of Physics Students: http://www.spsnational.org/
- American Institute of Physics: http://www.aip.org/
- American Physical Society: http://www.aps.org/

Political Science

- American Political Science Association: http://www.apsanet.org/
- Pacific Northwest Political Science Association: http://legacy.lclark.edu/~pnwpsa/home.html
- International Association for Political Science: http://www.iapss.org/
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management: http://www.appam.org/

Pre-Health Professions

Medicine

- American Medical Association: http://www.ama-assn.org
- Oregon Medical Association: http://www.theoma.org/
- American Academy of Family Physicians: http://www.aafp.org
- Oregon Academy of Family Physicians: http://oafp.org/
- American College of Physicians: http://www.acponline.org/
- American College of Physicians- Oregon Chapter: http://www.acponline/about_acp/chapters/or/

Dentistry

- American Dental Association: www.ada.org
- Oregon Dental Association: http://www.oregondental.org
- Academy of General Dentistry: http://www.agd.org/
- Oregon Academy of General Dentistry: www.oragd.org/
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry: www.aapd.org
- Oregon Academy of Pediatric Dentistry: http://www.oapd.org/
- American Academy of Periodontology: http://www.perio.org/
- Western Society of Periodontology: http://www.wsperio.org/
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Pharmacy
- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy: [www.aacp.org](http://www.aacp.org)
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists: [www.ashp.org](http://www.ashp.org)
- Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists: [http://oshp.org](http://oshp.org)

Occupational Therapy
- The American Occupational Therapy Foundation: [http://www.aotf.org](http://www.aotf.org)

Optometry

Veterinary
- American Veterinary Medical Association: [https://www.avma.org](https://www.avma.org)
- Oregon Veterinary Medical Association: [http://oregonvma.org/](http://oregonvma.org/)
- American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association: [http://apvma.org/](http://apvma.org/)
- Student Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society: [http://www.sveccs.org/](http://www.sveccs.org/)

Psychology
- Oregon Psychological Association: [http://www.opa.org](http://www.opa.org)
- Association for Psychological Science: [http://www.psychologicalscience.org/](http://www.psychologicalscience.org/)
- American Counseling Association: [www.counseling.org/](http://www.counseling.org/)
- Oregon Counseling Association: [www.or-counseling.org/](http://www.or-counseling.org/)
- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: [www.aamft.org/](http://www.aamft.org/)
- The Oregon Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: [www.oamft.org/](http://www.oamft.org/)

Social and Behavioral Science
- Oregon Psychological Association: [http://www.opa.org](http://www.opa.org)
- Association of Professional Behavior Analysts: [http://www.apbahome.net/](http://www.apbahome.net/)
- Oregon Association for Behavior Analysis: [http://orbehavioranalysis.com/](http://orbehavioranalysis.com/)
Social Work
- National Association of Social Workers: www.socialworkers.org/
- National Association of Social Workers- Oregon Chapter: http://nasworegon.org/
- National Association of Social Workers- Student Center: http://www.naswdc.org/students/
- Clinical Social Work Association: http://www.clinicalsocialworkassociation.org/
- Oregon Society of Clinical Social Workers: http://www.oscsw.org/
- Council on Social Work Education: http://www.cswe.org/

Sociology
- American Sociological Association: www.asanet.org/
- Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology: http://www.aacsnet.net/
- The Association for Humanist Sociology: http://www.ccsu.edu
- International Sociological Association: http://www.isa-sociology.org/

Theology
- American Academy of Religion: http://www.aarweb.org/
- American Association of Pastoral Counselors: http://www.aapc.org/
- American Association of Pastoral Counselors- Northwest Region: http://www.aapcnwregion.org/
- North American Association for the Study of Religion: http://www.naasr.com