

Associate Membership – Orthopaedic

The candidate for this category of membership must be **ineligible** to be considered for certification by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery because of the location of training or other specific reasons.

Basic Requirements: A citizen of or practicing in the United States. Maintenance of a full, unrestricted, and unlimited license to practice medicine or full-time service in the federal government. Exclusive practice of orthopaedic surgery in the United States for at least 36 months, exclusive of fellowship training, immediately prior to induction. Compliance with the AAOS Standards of Professionalism.

Application Process: Completion and submittal of the Associate Orthopaedic Member application and accompanying documentation during the recruitment period. All applications are reviewed by the Membership Committee and Associate Member status is considered pending until final approval by the AAOS Board of Directors. Applicants are approved and accepted as a “class” each year in October. The full application process can take 10-12 months.

Recruitment Period: Annually from November through January the following year. Exact application timeline and induction dates are listed on the application.

Dues & Membership Cycle: A one-time mandatory initiation fee billed in October upon acceptance. Yearly Associate Member dues are \$900. The annual dues cycle dates are April 1st through March 31st. Associate membership is a continuous membership and dues are automatically billed in March for the upcoming membership cycle.