

Active Fellow Membership

Available to orthopaedic surgeons practicing in the U.S. or Canada who are certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS).

Requirements: Certification by the ABOS. In exclusive practice of orthopaedic surgery in the U.S. or Canada for at least 36 months (exclusive of fellowship training) immediately prior to induction. Maintenance of a full, unrestricted, and unlimited license to practice medicine or full-time service in the federal government. Compliance with the AAOS Standards of Professionalism.

Application process: Completion and submittal of the Active Fellow Membership application during the recruitment period. All applications are reviewed by the Membership Committee and Active Fellow 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 Active Fellow dues are \$900. The annual dues cycle dates are April 1st through March 31st. Active Fellow membership is a continuous membership and dues are automatically billed in March for the upcoming membership cycle.