



Associate Membership Information

Thank you for your interest in the Freedom Network USA!

Associate Membership is the first step in becoming a Member of the Freedom Network USA. This is a probationary membership of 12 months after which the organization or individual will be eligible to apply for full membership. All Associate Members are required to attend the Freedom Network USA conference and participate in at least one committee.

Please begin your application process by thoroughly reviewing the Freedom Network USA Membership Criteria and Freedom Network USA Application Procedures.

Please email your completed application to the Membership Committee Co-Chairs at membership@freedomnetworkusa.org.

Benefits of Becoming a Freedom Network USA Associate Member include:

- Discounted rate for Freedom Network USA conference registration
- Access to experts dealing with trafficking issues across a multitude of disciplines
- Access to formal and informal training and technical assistance
- Access to membership in Freedom Network USA's Standing Committees (Membership, Policy, Social Services, Freedom Network Training Institute & Conference)
- Ability to participate in Advocacy Day (held in Washington DC every other year)
- Align with the nation's largest human rights-based human trafficking network

Responsibilities of Freedom Network USA Associate Members include:

- Attend Freedom Network USA Associate Member orientation call
- Participate in at least one committee
- Attend the Freedom Network USA annual conference and member meeting (held in the Spring)
- Support Freedom Network USA policy efforts
- Abide by the Freedom Network USA Membership Confidentiality Policy

Application Review Process

- The Freedom Network USA Membership Committee accepts Associate Membership applications from of July 1 thru October 1.
- Freedom Network USA Membership Co-Chairs and/or staff will conduct phone interviews with all applicants by October 31.
- All decisions are made at the annual Freedom Network USA Steering Committee meeting which takes place in November.
- The Applicant will be notified of the Committee's decision in December of the calendar year in which the applicant applied for Associate Membership.
- All applications will be reviewed and considered based on the information provided in the application form and during an interview with the Membership Co-Chairs, and information available on the applicant's website and other public statements and materials.

Freedom Network USA Membership Application Timeline

Associate Application Period Opens	July 1, 2016
Associate Application Period Closes	October 1, 2016
Associate Applicant Interviews	July 1 - October 31, 2016
Associate Application Reviews	November 2016
Associate Notification of Decision	December 1, 2016
Associate Membership Begins	January 1, 2016
Associate Member Dues	Due by January 31, 2017
Full Membership Application Period Opens	October 1, 2017
Full Membership Application Period Closes	October 31, 2017
Full Membership Application Reviews	November 2017
Full Membership Notification of Decision	December 1, 2017
Full Membership Begins	January 1, 2018