



# Freedom Network USA

## Associate Membership Information

Thank you for your interest in the Freedom Network USA!

Associate Membership is the first step in becoming a Full 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. Then, email your completed application to the Membership Committee Co-Chairs at [membership@freedomnetworkusa.org](mailto: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 September 30, 2017**.
- FNUSA Membership Co-Chairs and/or staff will conduct phone interviews with all applicants by **September 31, 2017**.
- All decisions will be made at the annual FNUSA Steering Committee meeting in **November 2017**.
- Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision in **December 2017**.
- 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.
- Please note that Freedom Network will accept a **maximum of 6 Associate Members** for the 2018 Membership year.
- If applicants are not offered Associate Membership in 2018, they are welcome to reapply in a future membership cycle.

# Freedom Network USA Membership Application Timeline

Associate Application Period Opens	July 1, 2017
Associate Application Period Closes	September 30, 2017
Associate Applicant Interviews	July 1 – September 30, 2017
Associate Application Reviews	November 2017
Associate Notification of Decision	December 1, 2017
Associate Membership Begins	January 1, 2018
Associate Member Dues	Due by January 31, 2018