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## ASCEND WORKING FOR YOU

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- ✓ **Reasoned Voice.** We provide a consistent and reasoned national voice promoting SRA.
- ✓ **Defending Youth.** We coordinate pushback against the harmful “pro-teen sex” agenda.
- ✓ **Funding.** Ascend secured continued dedicated federal funding for SRA programs (Title V and SRA).
- ✓ **Media Cover.** We respond to the negative national media so you don’t have to!
- ✓ **Choice.** Ascend works to provide sex education to states & communities.
- ✓ **Credentials.** Only Ascend provides meaningful professional designation recognizing your expertise.
- ✓ **Partnerships.** We link arms with other supportive national groups to amplify the SRA message.
- ✓ **Member Support.** We help member organizations respond to local challenges and become the local authority for SRA.

WITHOUT ASCEND, NONE OF THESE BENEFITS WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

BECOME A CONTINUING MEMBER OF ASCEND TODAY.

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HELP US HELP YOU!

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# 2016 Membership Application/Renewal

Please provide the following information for membership or renewal for 2016:

Name	Title	
Organization		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone	Fax	Email
Website	Years with Organization	

Type of Membership:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insider Organizational Member.....\$5000   | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend Organizational Member.....\$350 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Organizational Member..... \$1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Member.....\$100            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Organizational Member..... \$500   |   |

Membership is for one year from the date dues are received. Federal Circular A-122 permits grant funds to be used to join professional associations such as Ascend. Please notify Ascend if you are using grant funds to pay for membership, so that we may segregate your dues from any lobbying expenditures. Former NAEA lifetime members should contact Ascend for details on the new Ascend membership structure.

I would like to contribute an additional amount for legislative lobbying efforts: (Please check one)

- \$25       \$50       Other \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Information:

- Check enclosed (Payable to Ascend)
- Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to my:     American Express     Visa     Mastercard

Account Number	Expiration Date
Cardholder's Name	CVV Code
Credit Card Billing Address	Signature

Please either fax this form to **(866) 935-4850**  
or mail it, along with payment to Ascend at:  
**5500 Interstate North Parkway, Suite 540**  
**Atlanta, GA 30328**

For more information, contact: [ceckley@weascend.org](mailto:ceckley@weascend.org) or call Christine Eckley at 202-248-5420

By signing, the membership applicant (organization or individual) fully supports the waiting for sex until marriage message.

Signature	Date
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## Levels of Ascend Membership to Fit Every Need

Just a Few Ascend Member Benefits:	INDIVIDUAL Member \$100/year	FRIEND Organizational Member \$350/year	PARTNER Organizational Member \$500/year	CHAMPION Organizational Member \$1,500/year	INSIDER Organizational Member \$5,000/year
Exclusive Access to Ascend's "Trending Now: Pop Culture"	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Your Voice in Washington DC for Topics That Matter to You	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
"Members-Only" Informational Calls of Hot Topics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Organizational Link Posted to Ascend Website		✓	✓	✓	✓
Job Board		✓	✓	✓	✓
SRAS Recertification (\$350/person)	Discounts available with membership. Additional scholarships also available to members based on financial need. Contact Ascend for further details.				
Receive Ascend consulting support each year for internal training and advice (\$150/hour)		Up to 1 hour (\$150)	Up to 3 hours (\$450)	Up to 10 hours (\$1500)	Up to 20 hours (\$3000)
Review Curriculum or Resources for SRA Compliance Certificate (\$500/item)		20% fee discount on one item (\$100)	35% fee discount on one item (\$175)	50% fee discount on one item (\$250)	75% discount on one item (\$375)

**\*SRAS discounted membership rate expires one month from the conclusion of your training**

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Can our organization join Ascend since we have lobbying restrictions as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization?**

A: Yes. Public charities may use up to 20 percent of their budgets for lobbying purposes. However, since the Ascend membership fee is significantly less than 20 percent of most organizational funds, your membership fee will fall well within the legal guidelines for nonprofit charities. Contact your attorney to learn the specific lobbying parameters for your organization.

**Q: Can we use federal grant funds to join Ascend?**

A: Federal Circular A-122 permits grant funds to be used to join professional associations such as Ascend. If you join Ascend with grant funds, please let Ascend know and dues will be segregated from any lobbying expenditures.

**Q: What is the relationship between Ascend and other SRA organizations?**

A: Ascend seeks to work together with all sexual risk avoidance (SRA) organizations to support programs around the country. Because Ascend is a professional association for the field of SRA education, it seeks to strengthen the overall impact of SRA education.

**Q: Why should I join Ascend today?**

A: Given that SRA opponents at the state and federal level are now working aggressively to defund SRA education, the SRA community must quickly unite to defend and promote SRA on Capitol Hill. The stronger the Ascend membership base is the greater Ascend's ability to effectively lobby on behalf of SRA organizations. There truly is strength in numbers! Based on the need to quickly develop a common voice for SRA that can be clearly heard in the halls of Congress, it is essential that every educator, provider and supporter of SRA education link arms through Ascend.

**Q: What will I receive in exchange for my membership?**

A: As an individual, you will receive discounts on professional development opportunities, representation in Washington DC for your efforts, general media training, talking points, legislative updates and other informational resources.

**Q: How can I contact Ascend?**

A: The Ascend office is located at 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006. You may contact us at (202) 248-5420 or by email at [info@weascend.org](mailto:info@weascend.org)