



Membership Guidelines

Membership in the 1-800 American Free Trade Association is open to organizations, companies, or entities having an interest in toll-free communications who support an open market environment in the toll free industry. Membership is specifically designed to include the interests of End Users (Subscriber of Record), Responsible Organizations (Resp Orgs) and Service Providers including Call Centers, Corporate and Direct Marketers, Advertisers, Shared Use Providers, and 1-800 Brand Companies within the toll free communications industry.

Membership becomes effective when a prospective Member agrees to and submits in writing, a completed 1-800 AFTA Membership Application that states their organization, company or entity will follow the principles and procedures attached to this document, is recommended by that Committee to the Board for approval, and thereafter approved by the Board.

Upon submission of the Membership Application the organization, company, or entity is subject to a 30-day wait period before becoming full Members. During this 30-day wait period any organization, company, or entity may still attend and contribute to all group conferences, but cannot participate in the consensus decisions or voting to resolve issues. The 30-day wait period does not apply to Founding Members who can fully participate in the decision-making process.

- Founding Members will be any organization, company, or entity that has participated in any of the 1-800 AFTA development work from the January 30, 2002 organizational meeting, through the July 30, 2002 kickoff meeting.
- Members (and Founding Members) have full voting rights to elect Board members, full membership voting rights, may participate in all Board meetings, and may be elected to the Board and/or any committees formed by the Board.
- Associate Members receive all routinely distributed information, may attend Board meetings, and may participate at Board meetings by invitation.
- Vendor Members receive Membership Contact information for the purposes of marketing products and/or services to the Membership.
- Special Members are awarded membership by the Board for the value their membership may contribute to the Association, and receive full membership status.

1-800 AFTA Application Forms will be available on the website for all organizations, companies, or entities wishing to be Members. Completed Application Forms can be faxed or e-mailed to the Membership Committee. For the 2002-2003 Year (April 1 – Mar 30) membership dues are as follows:

Founding Members	\$2500 with agreement for an additional \$2500 special assessment if required
Members	\$2500
Associate Members	\$1000
Vendor Members	\$3500

Membership is closed to organizations, companies or entities whose primary business is sexually oriented content, 900 numbers, or who engage in unethical business practices including number slamming or unauthorized transfers of numbers without all involved parties agreement and any other unethical business practices the Board may identify.