



Orthopaedic Trauma Association

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The Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) encourages applications for membership from qualified orthopaedic surgeons who share its goals of advancing research and education in the treatment and prevention of injuries to the musculoskeletal system.

Active Membership:

- a. Be certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS), the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (AOBOS) or the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada-Orthopaedics {FRCS(C)} and hold a current certificate.
- b. Be a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or Canadian Orthopaedic Association (COA).
- c. Be a citizen of or practice in the United States or Canada.
- d. Act as the lead author of at least one, or co-author of at least three, scientific publication(s) in the field of or related to orthopaedic trauma, published in a peer-reviewed journal within the forty-eight months immediately preceding the November 1 application deadline. Consult the OTA web site at <http://www.ota.org> for a list of peer-reviewed journals.
- e. Spend 50% of professional time in clinical practice, teaching and/or research regarding matters directly related to orthopaedic traumatology.

- f. Maintain a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada or give evidence of full time medical service in the federal government which does not require licensure.
- g. Be active members of their hospital staff and fulfill the on-call requirements of their hospital in accord with their hospital rules/regulations/bylaws.
- h. Maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards.
- i. Be sponsored by two Active, Senior or Research members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, at least one of whom practices in an institution different from the applicant. Call the OTA office or visit the OTA website for a list of Active, Senior or Research members.
- j. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Allied Health Membership:

- a. A non-physician health care provider involved in the care of patients with musculoskeletal trauma injuries.
- b. Current licensure from licensing Board.
- c. One sponsor form or recommendation letter from an OTA Active or Research member.
- d. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Associate Membership:

- a. Be a citizen of or practice in the United States or Canada.
- b. Act as the lead author of at least one, or co-author of at least three, scientific publication(s) in the field of or related to orthopaedic trauma, published in a peer-reviewed journal within the forty-eight months immediately preceding the November 1 application deadline. Consult the OTA web site at <http://www.ota.org> for a list of peer-reviewed journals.
- c. Spend 50% of professional time in clinical practice, teaching and/or research regarding matters directly related to orthopaedic traumatology.
- d. Maintain a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada or give evidence of full time medical service in the federal government which does not require licensure.

- e. Be active members of their hospital staff and fulfill the on-call requirements of their hospital in accord with their hospital rules/regulations/bylaws.
- f. Maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards.
- g. Be sponsored by two Active, Senior or Research members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, at least one of whom practices in an institution different from the applicant. Call the OTA office or visit the OTA website for a list of Active, Senior or Research members.
- h. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Candidate Membership:

- a. **Participate in residency training emphasizing Orthopaedic Surgery or fellowship training in musculoskeletal trauma management.** A Candidate member resident applicant must be participating in an American or Canadian Board approved Orthopaedic Surgery residency program, or participating in an officially recognized training program in a country outside the US or Canada at time of application.
 - b. Be sponsored by one Active, Research or Senior OTA member, **or** provide a recommendation letter from a program chair or fellowship director.
 - c. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.
- ** Candidate members will have a maximum **five (5) years from completion of residency training** to transition into another membership category (Active, Associate, Community or International membership).****

Community Membership:

- a. Be certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS), the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (AOBOS) or the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada-Orthopaedics {FRCS(C)} and hold a current certificate.
- b. Be a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or Canadian Orthopaedic Association (COA).
- c. Be a citizen of or practice in the United States or Canada.
- d. Spend 50% of professional time in clinical practice, teaching and/or research regarding matters directly related to orthopaedic traumatology.

- e. Maintain a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada or give evidence of full time medical service in the federal government which does not require licensure.
- f. Maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards.
- g. Be sponsored by two Active, Senior or Research members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, at least one of whom practices in an institution different from the applicant. Call the OTA office or visit the OTA website for a list of Active, Senior or Research members.
- h. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

International Active:

- a. Spend 50% of professional time in clinical practice, teaching and/or research regarding matters directly related to orthopaedic traumatology.
- b. Be certified by the appropriate licensing body and specialty review board of the country of the applicant's practice and hold a current certificate of qualification.
- c. Be a citizen or resident alien and practice in the country of residence.
- d. Act as the lead author of at least one, or co-author of at least three, scientific publication(s) in the field of or related to orthopaedic trauma, published in a peer-reviewed journal within the forty-eight months immediately preceding the November 1 application deadline. Consult the OTA web site at <http://www.ota.org> for a list of peer-reviewed journals
- e. Be a member, if available, of the country's trauma organization including orthopaedic trauma organization.
- f. Be sponsored by two Active, Senior or Research members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.
- g. In addition, International applicants must have a letter from a current International OTA member.
- h. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

International Community:

- a. Spend 50% of professional time in clinical practice, teaching and/or research regarding matters directly related to orthopaedic traumatology.
- b. Be certified by the appropriate licensing body and specialty review board of the country of the applicant's practice and hold a current certificate of qualification.
- c. Be a citizen or resident alien and practice in the country of residence.
- d. Be a member, if available, of the country's trauma organization including orthopaedic trauma organization.
- e. Be sponsored by two Active, Senior or Research members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.
- f. In addition, International applicants must have a letter from a current International OTA member.
- g. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

International Research:

- a. At least 50% of the current research effort directed toward musculoskeletal trauma or related research.
- b. Authorship of a minimum of **five (5) peer-reviewed publications** relating to orthopaedic trauma or related research during the forty-eight months immediately preceding the November 1 application deadline.
- c. Research judged to be a significant contribution to the study of orthopaedic trauma, by a two-thirds vote of both the OTA Research Committee and the OTA Board of Directors.
- d. Be sponsored by two **Active, Senior or Research** members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, at least one of whom practices in an institution different from the applicant.
- e. In addition, International applicants must have a letter from a current International OTA member.
- f. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Research Membership:

- a. Citizenship of or residency in US or Canada.
- b. At least 50% of the current research effort directed toward musculoskeletal trauma or related research.
- c. Authorship of a minimum of **five (5) peer-reviewed publications** relating to orthopaedic trauma or related research during the forty-eight months immediately preceding the November 1 application deadline.
- d. Research judged to be a significant contribution to the study of orthopaedic trauma, by a two-thirds vote of both the OTA Research Committee and the OTA Board of Directors.
- e. Be **sponsored** by two Active, Senior or Research members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, at least one of whom practices in an institution different from the applicant.
- f. Agree to comply with the dues, fees, and assessment requirements established by the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Senior Membership: Active and Research members attaining the age of 60 years may elect to become Senior members if they have been members of the Association for six or more years. Requirements for Active membership as outlined in the bylaws, Sections II, III will no longer apply with the exception of Board certification, fellowship, citizenship, practice location, and medical licensure. Continued compliance with the standards established under Section VII, b-c (compliance with by-laws, etc. and payment of dues) will be required.

Emeritus Membership: Upon attaining the age of 60 years and/or retired, members may apply to become Emeritus members and no longer need to meet the requirements of Active membership except requirement b. Emeritus members have no voting privileges, and are not required to pay annual dues. A written request for transfer to Emeritus membership must be received by the OTA staff office, who will forward it to the Board of Directors who can confer Emeritus status by majority vote.

Active Military Duty Dues Waiver: Orthopaedic Trauma Association Members of any category may apply for a waiver of dues while on active military duty. The member must submit written documentation from their commanding officer indicating the member was on active military duty for a portion of the calendar year for which the waiver is requested. The letter along with a request for waiver of membership dues for the calendar year should be forwarded to the Membership Chair who will present this request to the Board of Directors for approval.

Instructions for Completion of Application

Note: To be considered in a given year, the deadline for receipt of applications and materials is November 1 of that year. Applications are then reviewed and acted upon by the OTA Membership Committee and the OTA Board of Directors. Accepted applicants will be notified prior to the OTA Specialty Day held during the AAOS Annual Meeting.

Please review the accompanying list of membership categories and their requirements to ensure that you are applying for the appropriate category.

1. An online application must be completed in its entirety.
2. The following must be provided online and accompany your online application:
 - a) Current curriculum vitae (word.doc)
 - b) A recent photograph (jpeg/jpg or gif.)
 - c) Payment in the amount of \$50.00 (USD) by Visa, MasterCard or AMEX (active duty military and SIGN members are exempt).
3. Send a copy of the sponsor form to your sponsor(s) and request that the form(s) be returned directly to OTA at the address below or faxed (847-823-0536).

Membership Coordinator
Orthopaedic Trauma Association
6300 River Road, Suite 727
Rosemont, IL 60018

4. No applications will be processed until all required documents are received by the OTA staff office.

Application Deadline:

November 1, 2011