MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS GUIDE

Our Strength is Our Members

Thank you for your support!

As a national, member-based nonprofit organization, the National Indian Child Welfare Association's (NICWA) strength is our members: tribes, organizations, and individuals like you who are committed to the protection of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children, and to the preservation of Native families and their cultures.

Your NICWA membership builds our national network of strong and diverse child welfare advocates, working together to advance the vision of thriving Native children and families for generations to come.

Thank you for your support and involvement. We are committed to providing you with access to quality information, networks, and resources. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you!

OUR MISSION

The NICWA is dedicated to the well-being of AI/AN children and families.

OUR VISION

Every Indian child must have access to community-based, culturally appropriate services that help them grow up safe, healthy, and spiritually strong - free from abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation, and the damaging effects of substance abuse.

NICWA'S PHILOSOPHY

- To promote safe, healthy, and culturally strong environments for Indian children
- To promote the spiritual strength of Indian children and a positive cultural identity
- To be a strong voice for the needs of Indian children and Indian child welfare (ICW) programs nationwide
- To advocate for and facilitate the proper implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- To promote the provision of effective services to Indian children by child welfare workers
- To provide technical assistance for and information sharing among ICW programs
- To provide education and leadership opportunities for ICW workers

GET INVOLVED!

Are you getting all you can from your NICWA membership? ***Don't miss out!***

Getting involved enables you to maximize your membership experience and build your knowledge, networks and skillset!

"Thank you for all you do. I have been a member for 15+ years and have learned so much from what you provide to all Native tribes. Keep up the good work!"

"I thank you for your hard work. NICWA is an amazing organization and I'm very proud to be affiliated with NICWA."

"Continue doing great work educating through newsletters and updated information to members."

"NICWA is doing an excellent job on education to tribes to save our children. I love the work we all do to keep families in crisis in tact."

"NICWA is an amazing organization and I'm very proud to be affiliated with NICWA."

"Recently, NICWA was a great help to me on a foster care voluntary placement issue, and I would like to give you kudos."

"I have been a member for 15-20 years and have learned so much from what you provide to all Native tribes."

There are many ways you can get involved with NICWA:

★ **Like and share our work via social media:**

Follow, share our stories, and post a selfie on our Facebook page: facebook.com/NativeChildren

Follow and re-tweet us: twitter.com/NativeChildren

Join us on LinkedIn: linkedin.com/groups/National-Indian-Child-Welfare-Association

- ★ **Interact** with the members-only website section
- ★ **Participate** in free monthly webinars, podcasts, and conference calls
- ★ **Attend** or become a volunteer at our annual conference
- ★ **Join** an affinity group *(see members-only section of the website)*
- ★ **Communicate** with your elected officials about Indian child welfare issues
- ★ **Submit** articles or reviews, and share your expertise and solutions with other members in our e-newsletter
- ★ **Connect** with peers via our membership directory
- ★ **Recruit** a new member or buy a gift of membership for someone working in Indian Child Welfare
- ★ **Nominate** yourself or fellow members for our Member of the Year Award or for a Wisdom Circle Scholarship

★ **Get discounts** on:**

- NICWA annual conference registration
- NICWA Training Institutes
- ICWA Online Course *(new with CEU credits!)*
- Tribal Child Welfare Worker Certification
- Technical assistance for your tribe or organization

***Members must provide their membership number to obtain member discounted rates. Contact membership@nicwa.org or (503) 222-4044 for your member number.*

NICWA MEMBERSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS

As a NICWA member, you have many opportunities to better serve Native children and families, protect and support the field of Indian Child Welfare, connect with a national community of committed advocates, and protect the well-being of AI/AN children. You'll improve your opportunities to advance your career by gaining access to information, networks, and resources to facilitate your work in the field of ICW, save money on professional development training, and become an integral part of a national network of ICW advocates!

Tribes, organizations, and individuals can choose benefits that best meet your needs and budget. Remember that NICWA membership dues can be tax-deductible!

Individual Memberships

This category is designed for individuals in the field of ICW. Benefits are non-transferable and accessible only to the individual member.

Benefits Include	ABALONE $75 *(Elder/Student: $35)*	TURQUOISE $100	CORAL $200
Members-only e-bulletin	★	★	★
Membership directory listing and access	★	★	★
Members-only website	★	★	★
Members-only webinars and conference calls	★	★	★
NICWA News	★	★	★
Pathways Digest subscription	★	★	★
NICWA events bulletin	★	★	★
Recognition in annual report and member e-bulletins	★	★	★
$75 discount on NICWA annual conference registration	★	★	★
Wisdom Circle Scholarship eligibility	★	★	★
Affinity group participation		★	★
10% discount on online ICWA course registration		★	★
10% discount on training institute registration for one			★ 1 registration
10% discount on online store curricula and merchandise orders			★
Invitation to at least one VIP event or conference call per year			★

*As of January 2018

Tribal and Organizational Memberships

This category is for tribes, tribal agencies, and tribal programs who serve AI/AN children or organizations who serve AI/AN children, Native-owned or operated organizations, social service organizations, and educational institutions. All benefits are accessible through the organization, and benefits are shared between up to 4 staff members.

Benefits Include	CEDAR $400	SAGE $1,000
Members-only e-bulletin	★	★
Membership directory listing and access	★	★
Members-only website	★	★
Members-only webinars and conference calls	★	★
NICWA News	★	★
Pathways Digest subscription	★	★
NICWA events bulletin	★	★
Recognition in annual report and member e-bulletins	★	★
Affinity group participation	★	★
Wisdom Circle Scholarship eligibility	★	★
$75 discount on annual conference registrations	★2 registrations	★4 registrations
10% discount on online ICWA course registrations	★2 registrations	★4 registrations
10% discount on two training institute registrations	★2 registrations	★4 registrations
Online ICWA course group administrative fee waived*	★*50% (up to $150)	★*100% (up to $250)
10% discount on online store curricula and merchandise orders	★	★
Up to $250 discount on one technical assistance or onsite training		★
Invitation to at least one VIP event or conference call per year		★

Associate Memberships

This category is for individuals and organizations who wish to be associated with NICWA, but are not in the field of child welfare. Associate members are "Friends of NICWA" who receive a limited range of membership products. **Associate level members receive a limited selection of benefits only*

ASSOCIATE INDIVIDUALS $75

Benefits Include

- NICWA News subscription
- Members-only e-bulletins

· ASSOCIATE CORPORATE $1,000

- Events bulletins
- Recognition in annual report

USING YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS

Being a NICWA member has privileges we hope you will take advantage of. We provide many services and products to individuals, tribes, and organizations. Many members use them regularly. Are you one of them? Please contact your Member Relations Manager at membership@nicwa.org for more information, or to get involved in NICWA's work!

★ **Members-Only E-Bulletin**

Each month, members receive an electronic newsletter which includes timely updates on ICW-related issues, grants, webinars, and links to other professional development opportunities and resources. Please contact us if you have something to share.

★ **Members-Only Webinars, Conference Calls, and Podcasts**

Each month, NICWA holds a members-only webinar or conference call for our members on relevant topics related to ICW. Please contact us for information, to request a topic, or if you are interested in presenting to members.

★ **Members-Only Webpage**

In order to access member-only content, you will need to enter your membership number. Please contact us if you do not know your number.

★ **Membership Directory**

The membership directory is available on the members-only website, and is organized by individual and tribal organizational members. Please contact us to update your directory listing.

★ **Discounts on Annual Conference Registration**

Individual members receive a $75 discount on regular and early bird registration fees for our annual Protecting our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. Cedar and Sage members receive multiple registration discounts. You can add a membership renewal at the same time as you register for our annual conference!

★ NICWA News

This publication is sent to NICWA donors and members on a quarterly basis. Please contact us at info@nicwa.org if you have questions about this, or any of our publications.

★ Wisdom Circle Scholarship

Members who are interested in advancing their education or professional skills may apply for our annual scholarship, valued up to $500, announced at our annual conference. To find out more, see the members-only website, or contact us!

★ Member of the Year Award

Please nominate a fellow member *(individual, tribe, or organization)* for our annual member recognition award, announced at our annual conference.

★ Discounts on Our Online ICWA Course and Other Face-To-Face Training

To take advantage of member pricing for NICWA training institutes, the online ICWA course, tribal child welfare worker certification, or technical assistance for your tribe or organization, you will need to provide your member number. Please contact us about relevant discounts for various member levels.

★ Discounts on NICWA Online Curricula and Merchandise

At NICWA's online store you can purchase course curricula, t-shirts, water bottles, posters, booklets, and more. Coral-level individual *($200)*, and Cedar *($400)* and Sage-level tribal or organizational *($1,000)* members receive discounts on our online store. Please visit www.nicwa.myshopify.com.

★ VIP Events

Coral-level individual *($200)* and Sage-level tribal or organizational *($1,000)* members gain access to at least one VIP event or conference call per year.

BE A NICWA ADVOCATE FOR NATIVE CHILDREN– RECRUIT A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE!

Recruit New Members to Earn Special Benefits and Prizes

Our new "recruit-a-member" program is designed to reward NICWA members who donate their time and energy to help us increase the strength of our work through member recruitment.

Our strength is in our members!

As a NICWA Advocate, you help us to reach more people working to improve Indian child welfare—bring them together to shape a better future for Native children and families through member recruitment. Every day ICWA continues to be challenged, making it crucial for us all to work together.

To become a "NICWA Advocate," all you have to do is recruit a new member and receive rewards for your efforts!

Our highest achieving NICWA Advocates will be recognized in the following ways:

- Listing in NICWA's member e-bulletin publication,
- Recognition at our Membership Reception at our annual conference in April, *and*
- A certificate of achievement.

Thank you for getting involved and helping us to grow our wonderful network! Good luck recruiting!

For more information about the program please visit our website: www.nicwa.org or contact us!

BECOME A NICWA ADVOCATE ITS AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

★ **RECRUIT 1 NEW MEMBER**
Get an exclusive NICWA bumper sticker!

★ **RECRUIT 2 NEW MEMBERS**
Get a free upgrade to the next level of NICWA membership, and receive larger discounts on NICWA items or VIP benefits!

★ **RECRUIT 3 NEW MEMBERS**
Get a free Online ICWA Course!

Give a Gift of Membership!

By giving a gift to a friend, family member, or colleague, you will be helping keep families together!

NICWA enjoys a broad membership base. From front-line social workers, to legal professionals, children's advocates, and families who feel the impact of our advocacy, we come together to ensure that Native children are safe, healthy, and spiritually strong.

Please consider gifting a membership today to someone who would benefit from being part of the NICWA network:

- Gifts for Individuals: $75 Abalone/$100 Turquoise/$200 Coral
- Gifts to Organizations/Tribes: $400 Cedar/$1,000 Sage

You can purchase membership gifts on our website: www.nicwa.org/membership or contact us at membership@nicwa.org.

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