

FULL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange is a membership association located in Washington, DC, whose mission is to formulate and promote public policies that support the growth and well being of international exchange linkages between the people of the United States and other nations. The association is a 501 (c) (3) organization incorporated in the District of Columbia. Its membership is composed of leading organizations in the United States dedicated to international educational and cultural exchange activities. The Alliance welcomes inquiries from organizations interested in joining the Alliance who meet its membership criteria.

Benefits and Privileges: Alliance full membership provides opportunities for organizations in the U.S. exchange community to contribute to and participate in a community-wide effort to advance and strengthen educational and cultural exchanges. Every organization admitted as a full member is entitled to vote to elect members of the Alliance Board of Directors, ensuring each member's ability to participate in the governance of the association. Individuals from any full member organization are eligible to serve as Alliance Board members. Individuals are also eligible to serve on Alliance Task Forces or other working groups on specific issues of concern to the organization, and to participate in advocacy meetings with the executive and legislative branches. All of these activities serve to set and execute the policy agenda of the exchange community.

Full membership in the Alliance provides access to an unsurpassed network of CEOs and senior executives engaged in international activities. Member organizations are entitled to receive the Alliance's comprehensive information services and to fully utilize the extensive government-relations expertise of the Alliance staff.

Eligibility: To be considered for full membership organizations must: 1) be legally established in the United States; 2) have clearly defined programs and activities directly concerned with conducting, facilitating, or supporting international exchange and which are national or regional in scope; 3) comply with generally accepted ethical standards for the conduct of international exchange activities; and 4) agree with the purposes of the Alliance. The Alliance expects prospective members to have been in operation for at least five years, and to administer or support exchanges in multiple markets, or, if they work only on exchanges between the U.S. and a single country, to administer exchanges in both directions. For some larger organizations, separate divisions dedicated to international exchange-related activities are also eligible for Alliance membership.

Other Forms of Affiliation: Organizations and individuals who are involved with international exchanges but cannot consider full membership may be interested in the Alliance's affiliates and subscribers programs. Companies that provide support services to exchange sponsors and participants may qualify for participation in the Alliance Partner program. For information about these programs, please contact the Alliance office or visit our website: www.alliance-exchange.org.

Consideration and Approval: Full membership in the Alliance is granted on approval by majority vote of the Alliance Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Alliance's Membership Committee.

Dues: Membership dues are the Alliance's primary source of support. Member organizations pay dues annually based on total salaries, benefits, and other compensation paid for personnel devoted to international exchange-related activities. Dues are assessed according to the table on the 2011 Membership Dues Worksheet. Annual dues amounts are for the 2011 membership period and are subject to possible change in the future by a vote of the Board. For organizations joining the Alliance mid-year, dues are prorated by quarters, i.e., an organization joining in July would pay for two quarters, or one-half of the annual dues for that year.

Applications: Organizations wishing to become full members of the Alliance should submit a cover letter and accompanying materials detailed on the Membership Application Checklist.

The application should be submitted to:

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Additional Information: For additional information, please contact Michael McCarry, Executive Director at (202) 293-6141; e-mail: mmccarry@alliance-exchange.org.