DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Be a Part of Something Larger
LEARN, GROW, GET INVOLVED

Discover AZA membership and explore exciting opportunities, information and resources as you join the larger zoo and aquarium community. Enhance your knowledge, connect with peers and develop important skills to prepare for a career working in zoos and aquariums.

AZA’s Student category is designed for individuals who are planning a career in zoos and aquariums and are enrolled full-time or part-time in a degree-granting college or university. This membership category is available to those not working full-time at a zoo or aquarium.

STUDENT BENEFITS

AZA delivers a wealth of timely and relevant information about zoo and aquarium trends, developments, issues, and best practices not available anywhere else.

- CONNECT magazine - Online Free/ Hardcopy Available as Upgrade
- December Issue of CONNECT w/Calendar
- Insight e-Newsletter
- Conference Proceedings
- Animal Care Manuals
- Members Only Content Online
- AZA Smart Source Purchasing Discounts

AZA facilitates collaborative networking and growth among a highly skilled, diverse, and dedicated community of professionals in an exciting, challenging, and rewarding field.

- Free & Discounted Admissions
- Access to Job Listings
- AZA Network & Marketplace Access
- Conferences & Meetings-Attendance Discounts
- Conferences & Meetings-Presenter Opportunities
- Professional Development Courses-Attendance Discounts
- Access to the Online Member Directory
- Social Media

Members of AZA collectively support and shape the shared mission and common goals of wildlife conservation, animal welfare, and public engagement.

- Legislative representation
- Regulatory monitoring
- Access to Grants (CEF)
- Advocacy Campaign Participation
- Eligibility to Volunteer for Animal Programs & Committees

annual dues $40
$60 with CONNECT magazine
ABOUT AZA

The Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) is a globally recognized brand representing the best aquariums and zoos. Member organizations and individuals are committed to supporting high standards of excellence in zoos and aquariums.

MISSION

The Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) provides its members the services, high standards and best practices needed to be leaders and innovators in animal care, wildlife conservation and science, conservation education, the guest experience, and community engagement.

FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC VISION

• Ensure the sustainability of diverse wildlife collections in accredited zoos and aquariums; advance high standards of wildlife-focused animal care and welfare; and foster outcome-based conservation by connecting zoos and aquariums to the wild.

• Build effective government and public affairs capabilities and support AZA member conservation education programs to advance conservation outcomes and support for accredited zoos and aquariums.

• Provide services that build and support an expanding community of individual members, and diverse facilities of all sizes, in collectively achieving the AZA Mission.

• Strengthen current AZA funding sources and pursue innovative new funding strategies to double available resources. The contributions of dedicated individual members is vital to the achievement of this vision.

LONG-TERM VISION

AZA envisions a world where, as a result of the work of accredited zoos and aquariums, all people respect, value and conserve wildlife and wild places.
WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

AZA recently asked Student members about their AZA membership experience. Here’s just a few examples of what they shared:

“Because the zoo and aquarium community is so close-knit and relatively small, I think the AZA is the best resource for students trying to find their way into careers in zoos and aquariums. I am particularly appreciative to be able to access the job listing as it allows me to see what options are available and what prerequisites I need to consider.”
— Stephen Leavelle, Rhodes College

“My AZA student membership is a great way to get my foot in the door and meet people. I haven’t been able to stay connected to the zoo world very well while in graduate school, but the AZA Annual Conference was a great chance to meet folks, learn more about the field, and talk to those already established in their careers.”
— Maria Wheeler, Ph.D. Candidate Duquesne University

“Having a student membership has helped in my ability to afford membership and conference dues. Being a student has always felt like this limbo between being involved in the zoo and aquarium community, and also existing outside of it. Having AZA recognize students with a category of membership gives me somewhere where I feel like I belong as I finish my studies and look toward future involvement with the AZA.”
— Kathayoon Azra Khalil, Stanford Graduate School of Education; Master of Environmental Science, Yale University

“Becoming a student member is an amazing opportunity to learn about the field that I wish to become a part of one day in the future. It is a great way to stay connected, learn about advances in conservation, and learn and grow from other professionals that are already recognized within the AZA community.”
— Katie Klimasz, Joliet Junior College

Visit www.aza.org/member-help for a full list of benefits, eligibility requirements and an application!
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JOIN
Submit your application to join the Association of Zoos and Aquariums today.

CONNECT
Create your “My AZA” account and tap into digital resources like your online community in the AZA Network and product and services in the Marketplace.

EXPLORE
Explore endless possibilities in the zoo and aquarium world through your AZA membership.

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