

The New York Singing Teachers' Association, Inc.

Membership Application

SINGING TEACHER MEMBERSHIP: Singing Teacher Members must be teachers of singing of good professional repute who are teaching at the time of application and who have taught singing for at least five years. Application for membership must be accompanied by a résumé and sponsorship of one Singing Teacher Member of the Association. Dues: \$60.00 per year.

APPRENTICE TEACHER MEMBERSHIP: Apprentice Teachers are teachers of singing with less than five years of professional teaching experience. Application for membership must be accompanied by a résumé and sponsorship of one Singing Teacher Member of the Association. Upon completion of their fifth year of teaching, Apprentice Teacher Members shall become Singing Teacher Members. Apprentice Teacher Members may vote, may not hold office, but may be appointed to the Board. Dues: \$55.00 per year.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Associate Members are persons involved in activities or professions which support and/or relate to the art of singing, such as coaches, conductors, composers, vocal health professionals, speech pathologists, etc. Associate members may vote, hold office and be appointed to the Board. Dues: \$55.00 per year.

FRIEND/STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: An applicant who is in sympathy with the aims of the Association, or a student. Dues: \$25.00 per year.

NYSTA's Board of Directors consists of between twelve and sixteen members of the organization. Any member in any category may serve on the Board, but a majority of the Board must be Singing Teacher members. All members may vote in NYSTA-wide elections, and all members are entitled to member rates for events.

All applications for membership must be accompanied by a resume or curriculum vitae listing your professional and educational background. In addition, all applicants must sign the Code of Ethics printed on the back of this form. If you need assistance finding sponsors please contact our Registrar, Maria Argyros: m.argyros@rcn.com.

Type of membership _____ **Date** _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____
Telephone _____ **E-mail** _____
Profession _____ **Voice Teaching Experience (years)** _____

This organization is run by enthusiastic volunteers. We invite any new members to actively participate in the following areas. Please let us know of your interest by circling all that appeal to you. It's a great way to get to know your colleagues.

Professional Development Program
Fund Raising
Event Programming
VoicePrints (Newsletter)

Hospitality committee
Web Design
Publicity
Administration / Board of Dir.

NYSTA CODE OF ETHICS

NYSTA is committed to preserving the highest standards of integrity and ethical principals among its members. To this end, we have established the following **Code of Ethics**, consisting of **Principles of Ethics** elaborated with specific **Rules of Behavior** advocated by NYSTA.

All NYSTA membership applicants must agree to this **Code of Ethics** for acceptance into the organization

Principles of Ethics form the underlying moral basis for the **Code of Ethics**.

Rules of Behavior are specific guidelines for minimally acceptable professional conduct applicable to all individuals.

PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS:

NYSTA members shall honor their responsibility to hold paramount the welfare of persons they serve professionally.

NYSTA members shall honor their responsibility to achieve and maintain the highest level of professional competence.

NYSTA members shall honor their responsibility to the public by promoting public understanding of the profession, and providing accurate information in all communications involving any aspect of the profession.

NYSTA members shall honor their responsibilities to the profession in their relationships with colleagues, students and members of allied professions by upholding the dignity of the profession, maintaining harmonious professional relationships, and accepting the organization's standards.

RULES OF BEHAVIOR:

1. I pledge to provide competent professional service to all students and clients.
2. I pledge to continue professional development throughout my career, and to keep abreast of current developments in vocal pedagogy by reading current literature, subscribing to professional publications, and attending lectures and conferences.
3. I pledge to realistically advise my students, and to encourage realistic professional and or personal goals.
4. I pledge to use every resource, including referral when appropriate, to ensure that high quality service is provided to every student.
5. I pledge to represent my professional credentials honestly to students and to the public.
6. I pledge to refrain from any false claims regarding myself or my students.
7. I pledge to refrain from dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, abuse, sexual harassment, or any form of conduct that adversely reflects on the profession or on my ability to serve in the profession.
8. I pledge to refrain from disparaging the work of a fellow teacher, except in cases where violations of this Code can be proven.
9. I pledge to refrain from proselytizing the students of another teacher.
10. I pledge to uphold a student's right to study with any teacher he or she may desire.
11. As a Singing Teacher, I pledge to make no financial arrangements with a student based on future earnings, such as commissions or contingencies; nor shall I accept any fee for aid in securing an engagement.

I hereby subscribe to all of the provisions of the foregoing Code of Ethics.

Signature _____

Violations of this code on the part of a member should be reported in writing to the president, whose first duty it shall be to confer personally with the member in question. If the violation is not abated, the president shall lay the matter before the executive board which shall appoint a committee for further conference with the member. If the report of this special committee be unsatisfactory, the executive board shall have the power to request the resignation of the offending member.

Sponsor 1. _____

(Singing Teacher Members and Apprentice Members only)

The following items are required for your membership application

1. Completed NYSTA Application.
2. Resume or curriculum vita detailing your professional and educational background.
3. A signed Code of Ethics
4. Your check for one year's dues (and *Find a Teacher* listing, if applicable), payable to NYSTA.

Mail to Registrar:

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