WHAT CAN NASW DO FOR YOU?

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WHAT IS NASW?

• NASW is the National Association of Social Workers
• Founded in 1955
• Largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world
• Over 120,000 members in 55 chapters (including over 20,000 students!)
• Works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies
• Created the accepted Code of Ethics for all social workers
NASW IS NATIONWIDE

The Virginia Chapter has over 2,500 members
The Virginia Chapter is divided into five districts.
WHY IS THE ASSOCIATION VALUABLE TO YOU?

The value in joining your professional organization lies in connection, mentoring, networking, career development, and community!
As a NASW Member, you will receive...

- 2 for 1 membership – get national and state!
- Discounted continuing education
- Great employment resources
- Ethical and legal support
- Opportunities for professional recognition and growth, networking, leadership, and mentoring
- Latest news for our profession
- Power of advocacy from a national organization
- Discounts on insurance and other products and services
- Special student benefits!
LET’S EXPLORE NASW...
WHY JOIN?
It’s 2 for 1 Membership!

Join the National Association of Social Workers, and get membership to the Virginia Chapter free of charge!
WHY JOIN?
Find Ways to Connect

• Find a mentor
• Network with others in your practice area
• Meet other social workers your age
• Find a web of support!
• What do you want from NASW?
  • Share feedback with us!
WHY JOIN?
Get access to employment resources

- NASW’s Career Center offers professional development resources to help you at every stage of your career
- NASW JobLink is a job search tool that gives members unlimited access to search and apply for jobs, upload your resume, and sign up for alerts
- The website has Tips & Tools for job seekers
- Members can view career development webinars specific to social work
- NASW’s Specialty Practice Sections connect you with others in your specific field
WHY JOIN?
Gain access to expert help

LEGAL AND ETHICAL PRACTICE EXPERTISE

Members can ALWAYS call me to answer questions regarding social work practice and be connected to experts that guide ethical practice.

I’m in my first job and my manager is being unethical. What can I do?
My supervisor is asking me to do something unethical?
I think my agency is engaging in Medicaid/Medicare Fraud? What can I do?
The licensure board is non-responsive to my supervision plan, how can I advocate for myself?
I’m continually being denied access to an insurance panel
What are licensing requirements for Virginia?
Someone has filed a complaint against my license, what now?
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WHY JOIN?
Get Leadership Opportunities

NASW Members are bound to uphold the NASW Code of Ethics, the most stringent ethical guidelines of all counseling professionals.

Participation advances social workers’ responsibility to advocate at all levels for clients and for themselves.

Become involved with NASWVA as a student representative now, or on a committee or the board later.
WHY JOIN?
Get Professional Recognition

Each year, NASWVA recognizes members of our profession for:
- BSW & MSA Student of the Year
- Social Worker of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award

You can also gain recognition from your employer.
WHY JOIN?
Save on Continuing Education

- Once you are practicing, you’re required to take continuing education classes to maintain your license
- NASW members save on ALL NASWVA-run training classes
- NASW members can take hundreds of online classes through the CE Institute for FREE or reduced prices
- NASW members receive discounted rates for NASWVA’s Annual Conference
WHY JOIN?
Keep Current on News

• NASW keeps you informed...

• About current topics in the field

• On current legislation and how you can get involved

• With a variety of methods (SocialWorkBlog.org, Social Work Talks podcast, Social Work Advocates magazine, Social Work Journal subscription, books from NASWPress, digital newsletter, Facebook)
WHY JOIN?

Become Involved in Advocacy

NASW advocates on your behalf...

• For social work funding, jobs, and benefits
• On social justice issues
• By filing Friend of the Court Legal Briefs, signing on to letters to Congress supporting public policy goals

NASW helps YOU get involved with advocacy

• Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE) PAC
• Keeps you informed of key legislation and tells you options for action!
• Annual Advocacy Day at the General Assembly
WHY JOIN? Insurance Services

Malpractice insurance is a legal necessity for most private practitioners as well as all other social workers. Membership opens the door to access for assistance. Assurance Services are more affordable than comparable profession’s professional insurance programs. Home & Auto policies available too!
WHY JOIN?
Get Special Student Benefits

Join NASW in your last semester (or before), and NASWVA will send you a teal graduation cord free.

Save on membership fees!
WHY JOIN?
Value is FAR GREATER than Cost!

Student Dues: $57 (BSW or MSW) / $170 PhD

Transitional Rate*: $110
* Transitional rate lasts for 2 years after graduation & MSW students receive a third year at a rate of $170

Regular (Full) Rate: $225 (MSW+) / $150 (BSW)

JOIN AT WWW.SOCIALWORKERS.ORG
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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