

FAQ's for SAGES members interested in joining AWS

What is the AWS?

- The Association for Women Surgeons (AWS) was founded in 1981, and has over 2,200 members in 21 countries. The AWS mission is to inspire, encourage, and enable women surgeons to realize their professional and personal goals. Learn more at www.womensurgeons.org.

Can men join AWS?

- Yes, AWS membership is open to both men and women. Surgeons would be eligible for Regular membership, and AWS also offers Resident, Student, and Associate memberships.

Who is eligible for the AWS membership discount and how much is it?

- SAGES current Active Members and International Members who apply for AWS Regular membership will receive a 30% discount on membership dues for a cost of \$175 (discounted from \$250). SAGES' Candidate (Resident and Fellows), Medical Student, Associate Active (non-surgeon physician), and Affiliate (Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, etc.) membership categories are not eligible to receive an AWS membership discount since their dues are already significantly discounted.

How do I redeem the AWS membership discount and what is the deadline?

- The deadline for SAGES members to sign-up for AWS Regular membership is December 31, 2019. Follow these steps to join:
 1. Visit <https://www.womensurgeons.org/JoinAWS>
 2. Register as a Regular member and select either *Regular Membership (New)* or *Regular Membership (Auto-Renew)*, which will auto-renew your annual dues every year at the regular amount
 3. Enter your contact information.
 4. On the payment page under Promotional Code, enter **SAGES2019** and click apply code to receive 30% off your dues

When and where is the AWS 2019 Annual Conference?

- The 2019 AWS Annual Conference is October 26-29 in San Francisco, CA

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What is SAGES?

- The Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons has over 6,500 members from all over the globe. The society's mission is to improve quality patient care through education, research, innovation and leadership, principally in gastrointestinal and endoscopic surgery. Learn more at www.sages.org.

Can anyone join SAGES?

- Surgeons in Canada and the United States would be eligible for Active membership, and surgeons in other countries would be eligible for Active International membership. SAGES also offers Candidate, Medical Student, Associate Active and Affiliate memberships.

Who is eligible for the special discount, is there a deadline, and how much is it?

- AWS current Regular Members in the United States and Canada can join SAGES for \$245 (discounted from \$350, plus \$100 application fee waived).
- AWS current Regular Members outside of the United States and Canada can join SAGES for a discount. SAGES uses a Tier System, so that members in less economically developed countries pay lower dues. The countries included in each Tier may be found here: <https://www.sages.org/membership/international/>
 - Int'l Tier One - \$245 (discounted from \$350, plus \$100 application fee is waived)
 - Int'l Tier Two - \$95 (discounted from \$135, plus \$100 application fee is waived)
 - Int'l Tier Three - \$35 (discounted from \$50, plus \$100 application fee is waived)
- Follow these steps to join
 1. Visit <https://www.sages.org/membership/>
 2. Choose Active Member or International Member, and open the online application
 3. Enter your contact information. You may save the application without completing it, and later return to upload additional documents. If you do not know a SAGES member to serve as your membership sponsor, type in the word **PROXY**
 4. On the payment page under Promo Code, enter **AWS2019** and click Apply Code to receive 30% off which ends December 31, 2019.

Why aren't other AWS members eligible for the special discount?

SAGES already offers significant discounts on the \$350 annual membership for these categories:

Candidate (Residents and Fellows)-\$80 per year

Medical Students-\$40 per year

Affiliate (Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, etc.)- \$150 per year

When and where is the SAGES Annual Meeting?

- The 2019 SAGES Annual Meeting is April 3-6, Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD
- The 2020 SAGES Annual Meeting is April 1-4, Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland, OH