

FAQ's for SAGES members interested in joining AWS

What is the AWS?

- The Association for Women Surgeons was founded in 1981, and has over 2000 members in 21 countries. The AWS mission is to inspire, encourage, and enable women surgeons 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 special discount, is there a deadline, and how much is it?

- SAGES Current Active Members and International Members can join AWS for \$175 (discounted from \$250). Follow these steps to join
 - Visit AWS website's [membership page](#)
 - Register as a Regular member
 - Under membership selection, you have the choice to select either **Regular Membership (New)** or **Regular Membership (Auto-Renew)** which will auto-renew your annual dues every year at the regular amount.
 - Enter your contact information
 - On the payment page under Promotional Code, enter **AWS2024** and click Apply Code to receive 30% off

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

AWS already offers significant discounts on the \$250 annual membership for these categories:

Residents-\$80 per year

Students-\$25 per year

Associates (non-surgeons)- \$125 per year

I'm not a member of AWS or SAGES, but I want to join both – can I get a discount?

- Yes, surgeons joining both societies at the same time are eligible for a 20% discount on 2023 dues from both societies. When completing the AWS application, use promo code **SAGES2024**, and when completing the SAGES application, use promo code **AWS2024**

When and where is the AWS 2023 annual Meeting?

- The 2024 AWS Meeting is San Francisco, California

FAQs for AWS members interested in joining SAGES

What is SAGES?

- The Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons has over 7,000 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 Allied Health 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) during this special initiative.
- AWS Current Regular Members outside of the United States and Canada can join SAGES for a discount during this special initiative. 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
 - Visit <https://www.sages.org/membership/>
 - Choose Active Member or International Member, and open the online application
 - 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**
 - On the payment page under Promo Code, enter **AWS2023** and click Apply Code to receive 30% off

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)-\$70 per year

Medical Students-\$40 per year

Affiliate (nurses, Physician Assts.)- \$150 per year

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When and where is the SAGES 2024 Annual Meeting?

- The 2024 SAGES Annual Meeting is in Cleveland, Ohio, April 17 – 20, 2024