

# AILA Membership Requirements

## To Apply

Please detach and complete the attached application. Applicants whose principal place of business falls within the geographic jurisdiction of any AILA chapter must join that area chapter and pay both national and chapter dues. Applicants whose principal place of business falls outside a chapter jurisdiction (such as Alaska and Montana) become At-Large members and pay national dues only. Please use the list on this page to determine your proper dues rate. AILA membership is non-transferable.

## Membership Eligibility

According to the AILA Bylaws, any attorney, except those employed by the United States government or by the Labor Department, Employment Service or a like body in any state, territory or subdivision thereof, is eligible to be a member of this Association if such attorney:

- a. at the time of application is in good standing with, and for three years immediately preceding application has not been suspended or disbarred by any court, mandatory bar association, administrative agency or other disciplinary authority;
- b. is licensed to practice law and is a member of good standing of the bar of any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia or, on June 14, 2007 was an active approved Member of the Association and who thereafter has maintained membership and eligibility for it under these by-laws without interruption; or
- c. is employed full-time as a law professor at a law school accredited by the American Bar Association and who is eligible for full membership in the American Bar Association but who is not admitted to practice in any State or the District of Columbia.

## Burden of Proof and Waiver

Applicants must prove their eligibility to become a member of the association. The Executive Committee may waive membership requirements for certain applicants with the affirmative vote of four-sixths of the Committee Members.

## Admission and Election

Once the AILA National Office receives a completed application and payment, the applicant's eligibility is determined, and his/her name will be entered onto a roster of pending members. National Office acceptance normally takes 14 days, and accepted applicants are notified by the National Office. If the application is not accepted, dues are fully refunded. Upon National Office acceptance, applicant information is forwarded to the local chapter which has 90 days to raise an objection to any applicant. If no objection is raised, after 90 days the applicant will become an approved member of AILA. If the local chapter raises an objection, applicant information will be forwarded to Committee for further review.

The National Office notifies At-Large applicants of acceptance, usually within 30 days of receipt of application. If the application is not approved, dues are fully refunded.

## Dues

Applicants must include both chapter and national dues with their application, unless one resides abroad or there is no chapter in your jurisdiction. AILA dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes, although a portion of your dues may be deductible as a business expense. Due to the tax laws, you may not deduct the portion of your dues that is used for lobbying activities. Chapter dues payments are not affected by this tax law. Based on our best estimates for 2014, the nondeductible portion of your national dues is 5.9%.

## Nonprofit Membership

If you are employed by a registered non-profit organization, which provides free or low cost services to immigrants, and earn less than \$61,644 per year, you may be eligible for a reduced dues rate. For more information and the necessary paperwork, please contact AILA's Membership Department by phone at (202) 507-7635 or via e-mail at [membership@aila.org](mailto:membership@aila.org).

## AILA Consumer Protection Affirmation

The American Immigration Lawyers Association supports the ethical and highly competent practice of immigration law. The Association neither condones nor supports the splitting of legal fees with unlicensed alleged practitioners of immigration law, which includes the selection and completion of documentation to be filed with any U.S. government entity. As we all know, filing for a benefit or selecting an immigration avenue involves a thorough review of the client's history in order to make any recommendation for action. The Association has been made aware of lawyers who are basically lending their license to non-lawyers practicing immigration law when the lawyer does not review or supervise the actions or inactions of said entities or individuals. AILA considers these arrangements to be unethical and a violation of the AILA bylaws which require that members engaged in the practice of law be so engaged in compliance with the law applicable in the place that they practice.

## Regular National Dues

Members 7+ years.....	\$455.00
Members 4-7 years.....	\$405.00
Members 2-3 years.....	\$335.00
1st year of Membership.....	\$320.00

Dues are determined according to original AILA join date. If your membership has lapsed for more than 5 years, your dues rate will change to date of new application. Any other lapse in membership will not be considered in determining proper membership rate.

## Regular Chapter Dues

Arizona.....	\$65
Bangkok District.....	\$75
<i>Includes countries under jurisdiction of the Bangkok District USCIS Office.</i>	
California.....	
Northern California.....	\$85
San Diego.....	\$75
Santa Clara Valley.....	\$75
Southern California.....	\$80
Canada.....	\$50
Carolinas.....	\$75
<i>Includes North Carolina and South Carolina</i>	
Chicago.....	\$75
Colorado.....	\$90
Connecticut.....	\$75
Florida.....	
Central Florida.....	\$50
South Florida.....	\$40
Georgia-Alabama.....	\$60
Hawaii.....	\$50
Idaho.....	\$50
Indiana.....	\$70
Iowa/Nebraska.....	\$50
Mexico City District.....	\$75
<i>Includes countries under jurisdiction of the Mexico City District USCIS Office.</i>	
Michigan.....	\$70
Mid-South.....	\$65
<i>Includes Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee</i>	
Minnesota/Dakotas.....	\$65
Missouri/Kansas.....	\$60
Nevada.....	\$60
New England.....	\$80
New Jersey.....	\$60
New York.....	
New York City Area.....	\$85
Upstate New York.....	\$75
Ohio.....	\$70
Oregon.....	\$50
Philadelphia.....	\$75
<i>Includes Delaware</i>	
Pittsburgh.....	\$45
<i>Includes West Virginia</i>	
Puerto Rico.....	\$25
Rome District.....	\$75
<i>Includes countries under jurisdiction of the Rome District USCIS Office.</i>	
Texas.....	\$75
<i>Includes New Mexico and Oklahoma</i>	
Utah.....	\$50
Washington, DC.....	\$85
<i>Includes Maryland and Virginia</i>	
Washington State.....	\$50
Wisconsin.....	\$75

For fastest service, please fax your completed application with credit card payment to (202) 783-7853 or mail your application (with credit card or a check made payable to AILA) to:

American Immigration Lawyers Association  
 PO Box 4062  
 Washington, DC 20042-4062  
 fax to (202) 783-7853  
 or apply online at [www.aila.org/join](http://www.aila.org/join)

# Membership Application

Source Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Join today! Fill out this application or download online at [www.aila.org/getstarted](http://www.aila.org/getstarted)

## 1. Contact Information

Name (Mr/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm Website \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Gender:

Male  Female  N/A

## 3. Date of Birth:

Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Are you a member of the American Bar Association?

Yes  No

## 5. Please list any languages, other than English, in which you are proficient:

\_\_\_\_\_

## 6. What are your substantive areas of interest in immigration law?

Asylum  Global Migration  
 Business  Investor  
 Consular Practice  Litigation  
 Deportation  Medical  
 Employer Sanctions  Naturalization  
 Family  Waivers  
 General

## 7. Law School Graduate:

Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Date of original admission to the Bar:

Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. Presently licensed to practice law and an active member in good standing of the Bars of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. What is your bar number (if in NY, please give Appellate Division)?

NOTE : We must have your bar number or your application will be delayed.

## 11. During the three years immediately preceding the date of this application, have you been suspended or disbarred by any court, bar association, administrative agency or other disciplinary authority?

Yes  No

## 12. Are you employed by or receive any compensation for services rendered to the Government of the United States, the Labor Department, Employment Service or like body of any state, territory or subdivision thereof?

Yes  No

(If yes, please attach a statement with complete details)

## 13. Are you engaged in the practice of law, and so engaged in compliance with the law applicable in every place where you maintain an office for the practice of law?

Yes  No

## 14. Please describe your practice setting: (Check only one)

Solo Practitioner  In-house Corporate Counsel  
 Small law firm (2-24 total attorneys)  Legal services/nonprofit organization  
 Medium law firm (25-74 total attorneys)  Law school faculty/academic field  
 Large law firm (75+ total attorneys)  Other

## 15. Please indicate your race / ethnicity classification: (Optional)

African  Indian Subcontinent  
 African-American  Middle Eastern  
 Asian/Pacific Islander  Multi-Racial  
 Caucasian (non-Hispanic)  Native American/Alaskan Native  
 Hispanic/Latino  Other/No Answer

## 16. How did you hear about AILA Membership?

Colleague  
 InfoNet  
 AILA Literature  
 Former Law Professor  
 Another Bar/Professional Association  
 Other, Please Specify

## 17. Dues: (Chapter dues must be included to completely process application)

National Dues: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter Dues: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## 18. Payment Type:

Check, please make checks payable to AILA  
 (Note: all payments must be in U.S. dollars).

If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the following:

MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Submit completed application with payment to:

American Immigration Lawyers Association

PO Box 4062

Washington, DC 20042-4062

fax to (202) 783-7853

or apply online at [www.aila.org/join](http://www.aila.org/join)

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and if so elected, I will abide by its Bylaws. I have read and understand the membership provisions of the Bylaws attached hereto, and I agree that the decision of AILA on this application shall be final. I understand that AILA reserves the right to require evidence of any of the statements contained herein and that any misstatement may be grounds for expulsion or denial of this application. All of the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For AILA Use Only:

Member Number Assigned \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Bar (s) Checked \_\_\_\_\_

Checked By \_\_\_\_\_

Date Checked \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type  Check # \_\_\_\_\_

MC  Visa  Amex  Discover

Amounts Received: National \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_