

Yale Arab Alumni Association
Membership Policy
Voted by the Board of Directors on 25 September 2011

I. Members of YAAA:

Members of the Yale Arab Alumni Association are Yale alumni or affiliates that have an active interest in the Arab Middle East and share the vision and mission of the Yale Arab Alumni Association.

A Yale alumni or affiliate becomes a member of YAAA provided he/she expresses interest to the Board and fulfills the criteria for any of the membership categories. Interest can be expressed by completing a sign-up form that is evaluated by the Director of Membership and Volunteers and that is found online (Annex I). Go to "Join" on our website to complete the form. Additionally, the Board of Directors may confer membership status to individuals it deems to fulfill basic criteria.

II. Membership Categories:

Number of categories	2
Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Membership: Completed at least one semester at Yale (includes alumni and World Fellows).• Friends and Family

III. Membership Category Definitions:

- **Member of YAAA:** Individuals who have completed one semester at Yale. This includes alumni and World Fellows.
- **Friends and Family of YAAA:** Individuals and associations who have collaborated with YAAA and have supported YAAA's mission. This includes parents, spouses or domestic partners and children of members. The YAAA EB reserves the right to assign this membership category.

Friends of YAAA include, for example, speakers at conferences, or events, resource people, individuals from whom we have sought advice, partners and sponsors and other individuals who YAAA believes would advance its mission.

IV. Payment Policy:

YAAA has adopted a non-paying membership structure. This policy may be revisited by the Board of Directors in the future.

V. Membership benefits and privileges:

Benefit/Privilege	Membership Category	
	Member	Friends and Family
On-line membership directory	X	X
Voting (to be revisited in line with policy of board and rep appointments)	X	
Online Job Database (free access to service/post)	X	X
Holding elected/appointed YAAA positions	X (Only full degree holders can be on the Board).	
Eligible to hold YAAA REP position	X	
Access to "members only" electronic communications (ex., communiqués)	X	X
Invitation to events ²	X	X
Discounts to conferences/major paying event	X	
Access to YAAA intranet (such as posting on the forum, etc).	X	

¹ As YAAA's resource hub and services/products/develop, provision of these should be accounted for in this table (eg., discounts on YAAA's publications)

² YAAA reserves the right to organize exclusive events for members only.

VI. Denial, revocation or reclassification of membership:

The Board of Directors reserves the right to deny membership should a candidate not fulfill the basic membership category criteria. The Board also reserves the right to revoke membership should an individual or association act in a way that is unlawful and/or against the spirit of the Association. An individual's membership category may be reclassified pending a change in the status of that individual.

Annex I: Registration Form

First Name*:

Family Name*:

Yale Affiliation*: [fields: Alumni, staff, faculty, family]

Class of*: [fields]

School or college:

Hometown:

Contact information:

Current home address (City, zip code, etc)

Telephone:

Email*:

Business address:

At which one would you like to receive mail or email?

Which industry do you work in?

Professional Affiliation*:

City*:

Country*:

How involved would you like to be with YAAA*?

- Subscribe to newsletter
- Attend events
- Volunteer in organizing events
- Be active in building the YAAA community in my city
- Post job/research/internship opportunities on the YAAA Portal
- Interested to participate in committees when formed by the Board of Directors

Confidentiality of information*:

- Do not publish any of my contact details.
- I am willing to be contacted through email.

*Required fields.