

Terms of Membership

Membership application **forms** must be submitted upon registration for the first event of the year attended.

Standard Membership **fees** must be paid at the time of attending the first event of the year, including Fall Workshops or the first Tournament attended (and excluding the Summer Camp), in order to be eligible for the *Children's Arts Tax Credit*. Fees paid for by schools are not eligible for the tax credit. Fees collected by the schools from the families and forwarded to SEDA are eligible.

Please be sure that all names are spelled correctly as this is how they will be officially recorded at SEDA. (Please print clearly) Any debater who participates in two or more tournaments (basic eligibility for Provincials) **must** pay their membership fees.

\$160 Standard Membership Fee per child

- SEDA's program and membership year runs from July 1 to June 30
- To be eligible for the tax-credit, a child must be under sixteen years of age at the beginning of the year (January) in which the expenses are paid; or under 18 years of age if eligible for the disability tax credit.
- Each child must complete a registration form that includes, but is not limited to, the full name of the payer, full name of the child, the child's year of birth, a contact email and phone number, and club affiliation
- The payer receives a tax-credit receipt for \$100 - the portion of the membership fee that does not include meals
- Children older than the eligible age to receive the tax-credit may still pay for a Standard Membership and will receive a receipt; it is the payer's responsibility to submit eligible tax-credit receipts on their returns
- The **Standard Membership Fee** includes the basic membership fee, and eligibility for participation in all club meetings, the three fall workshops (including the BP Qualifier), four debate tournaments, one speech tournament, provincials if qualified, and Model Legislature
- A child's club may charge additional fees (for example to cover supply or travel costs) set by that club and are not collected in any way by SEDA, and which are not eligible for the tax-credit receipt
- To be eligible for the tax-credit receipt, fees must be paid upon registration of the first event attended (including workshops), regardless of when in the season it occurs, as long as eight weeks of the program remain; unpaid children will not be allowed to participate until fees are paid
- Some events may have special pricing, but will not be eligible for the tax-credit receipt
- Inter-provincial event fees paid are not eligible for the tax-credit
- Paid standard members will be eligible for SEDA Points! and access to the student members' section of the website
- Paid members are included in the mailing list for *VOICE*, SEDA's electronic newsletter
- Paid members will also be eligible to request friend status on SEDA's facebook page if they wish
- Paid members do not receive a direct vote at the AGM – their affiliated club will have one vote
- No refunds will be made to Standard members withdrawing from SEDA before the end of the program year, or for equivalent fees for unattended events or in the case of scheduled events cancelled by SEDA

\$20 Basic Membership Fee

- A child must pay a \$20 basic membership fee upon registration at their first tournament (fee does not have to be paid for the fall workshops), plus the applicable Basic-membership program fee for that event and any subsequent events attended;
- Unpaid members will not be allowed to participate until fees are paid
- If paid for by guardians, a tax-credit receipt will be issued for the Basic Membership fee, provided a minimum of eight weeks remain of the regularly scheduled programming as set out in the fee list at the time the fee is received,
- No tax-credit receipts will be issued for Basic event fees paid at an event
- A child's club may charge additional fees (for example to cover supply or travel costs) set by that club and not collected in any way by SEDA, and which are not eligible for the tax-credit receipt
- Paid Basic members will be eligible for SEDA Points! and access to the student members' section of the website
- Paid members are included in the mailing list for *VOICE*, SEDA's electronic newsletter
- Paid members will also be eligible to request friend status on SEDA's facebook page if they wish
- Paid members do not receive a direct vote at the AGM – their affiliated club will have one vote

\$100 camp fee per child

- Camp fees are not included in the standard or Basic membership fee, but a separate tax-credit receipt will be issued for this program, regardless of membership status
- This fee also applies to any child older than the eligible age to receive the tax-credit
- Membership is not required to attend camp, however, campers may wish to become members in the fall in order to participate in future programs
- Paid campers are included in the mailing list for *VOICE*, SEDA's electronic newsletter
- Paid members will also be eligible to request friend status on SEDA's facebook page if they wish

*Need-based applications for membership fee relief may be made to SEDA, but depending on the amount, the child may then be ineligible for the tax-credit. CATC = *Children's Arts Tax Credit*