



National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP STATUS

How is life membership defined?

Life Membership is a category of membership available to current NBASLH members who meet the following requirements:

- a. age of at least 65 at the time of application, and
- b. at least 20 years of consecutive NBASLH membership or 30 years of cumulative membership immediately prior to attaining age 65

What are the benefits of having Life Membership status?

1. Reduced dues – 50% of professional membership (currently would be \$50 a year)
2. Reduced convention registration - \$100 less than the early registration Professional member rate

How do I become a Life Member?

1. If you have been an NBASLH member for 20 consecutive years or have 30 years of cumulative membership and attain the age of 65; please complete the Life Member Request Form (available on the NBASLH website or by email: nbaslh@nbaslh.org) to request a life membership status. Completed Request Forms should be submitted by mail (NBASLH, 191 Clarksville Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey 08550) or electronically (nbaslh@nbaslh.org).
2. Once received, your application request will be considered, and time requirements verified. You will receive notification of your request status by mail and email.
3. If your request for Life Membership is approved, it becomes effective at the beginning of the following year. For example, if your application is approved by December 31, 2018, you will receive reduced convention registration for the 2019 Convention. If your 2019 membership dues have not been paid prior to receiving Life Membership designation, you will be eligible to receive the Life Membership dues rate for the 2019 year. If your membership dues have already been paid prior to receiving Life Membership, you will receive the Life Membership dues rate for the 2020 year.
4. You may be asked to provide verification of your age in the form of a copy of your driver's license, birth certificate, or passport.

What if I have been designated as a Life Member previously?

NBASLH is currently working to solidify a complete and accurate list of members that are considered to already have life membership designation. Therefore, the board is asking that all professional members who believe they have already been designated a life member to complete the Life Membership Application. Professional members who are unsure if they are a life member but meet the defined

Life membership status is not retroactive. In other words, all current life members and new applying life members will not receive a refund for dues or convention registration previously paid prior to 2018.