



## An Organization for All American Hindus, VHPA Announces Changes to Membership Structure 1/1/2022

In a quest to welcome a broad cross-section of Hindus to VHPA, we are announcing changes to VHPA membership. The General and Student Memberships are now **free**.

### 1. **General Membership and Student Membership**

(formerly \$25/year for Primary Membership and \$10/year for Student Membership.)

- A. This membership level will carry no financial dues.
- B. Members in the category will receive all communications and Hindu Vishwa magazine electronically only.
- C. Members in this category will not be voting members of VHPA.

### 2. **Associate Membership**

- A. This membership is for a 10 year period and the dues are \$500.
- B. These dues can be paid in a lump sum or over time in Installments.
- C. Installments: \$100 per year for five years or \$250 per year for two years.
- D. Members in this category will have voting right in VHPA's affairs including the election of Governing Council Members (Once all dues are paid.)
- E. Associate Members will receive a print copy of the Hindu Vishwa.

### 3. **Life Membership**

- A. Dues for Life Membership will be \$1000.
- B. These dues can be paid in a lump sum or over time in installments.
- C. Installments: \$200 per year for five years or \$500 per year for two years.
- D. Members in this category will have voting right in VHPA's affairs including the election of Governing Council Members (Once all dues are paid.)
- E. Members will receive print copy of the Hindu Vishwa.

- F. Funds from this category will be restricted endowment funds and will be utilized for growth of the organization.
- G. For a Life Membership, spouse also has the same membership status as the Life Member, including voting rights.

#### **4. Patron Membership**

- A. Dues for Patron membership will be \$2,500.
- B. These dues can be paid in a lump sum or over time in installments.
- C. Installments: \$500 per year for five years or \$1250 per year for two years.
- D. Members in this category will have voting right in VHPA's affairs including the election of Governing Council Members.
- E. Members will receive print copy of the Hindu Vishwa.
- F. Funds from this category will be restricted endowment funds and will be utilized for growth of the organization.
- G. For a Patron Membership, spouse also has the same membership status as the Patron Member, including voting rights.

#### **5. These changes do not affect the status of current Life Members and Patrons.**

**6. If you are a Primary Member and do not want to opt for Associate/Life or Patron Membership, please go to <https://www.vhp-america.org/membership> and fill out the form for General Membership which has no dues and no expiration date.**

**Credit for membership dues already paid:**

*If you have 5 years paid membership (\$100) and wish to convert to life membership status you will only commit to pay balance of \$400 which can be paid in full or in two equal annual installments.*

*If you have a life membership and wish to convert to Patron membership status you will only need to pay the balance of \$500 which can be paid in full or in two equal annual installments.*

For more information about the membership, please write to  
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