

# PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Participating in a professional association is an effective way of learning about careers and meeting people in that field.



## WHAT IS A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION?

- An organization of individuals in a given occupation who meet to network and learn.
- Many professional associations have national headquarters and local chapters.
- Most professional associations charge annual dues and event fees.



## HOW DO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS BENEFIT STUDENTS?

- Many websites provide reliable information about career options, industry trends and relevant employers.
- Most offer events where you can meet professionals and learn about internships or entry-level jobs.
- Professional associations frequently offer event and membership discounts for students.



## NETWORKING TIPS

- Introduce yourself with a firm handshake and a smile.
- Show an interest in others by maintaining eye contact and listening actively.
- Ask questions about organizations, work responsibilities, and trends in the field.
- Ask for job search advice.
- Request business cards for future reference.
- Volunteer to work for a committee.



## EXAMPLES OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

### 6 Degrees San Diego

Local: [www.6degreesnetworking.com](http://www.6degreesnetworking.com)

### American Academy of Forensic Sciences

National: [www.aafs.org](http://www.aafs.org)

### American Academy of Religion

National: [www.aarweb.org](http://www.aarweb.org)

### American Advertising Federation

National: [www.aaf.org](http://www.aaf.org)

Local: [www.sandiegox.org](http://www.sandiegox.org)

### American Alliance of Museums

National: [www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org)

Local: [www.sdaa.info/Home.html](http://www.sdaa.info/Home.html)

### American Anthropological Association

National: [www.americananthro.org](http://www.americananthro.org)

Local: [www.swaa-anthro.org](http://www.swaa-anthro.org)

### American Association of Finance & Accounting

National: [www.aafa.com](http://www.aafa.com)

Local: [www.afpsandiego.com](http://www.afpsandiego.com)

### American Astronomical Society

National: [www.aas.org](http://www.aas.org)

Local: [www.sdaa.org](http://www.sdaa.org)

### American Bar Association

National: [www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org)

Local: [www.sdcba.org](http://www.sdcba.org)

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**American Business Women's Association**  
National: [www.abwa.org](http://www.abwa.org)  
Local: [www.wibsd.org](http://www.wibsd.org)

**American Chemical Society**  
National: [www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org)  
Local: [www.sandiegoacs.org](http://www.sandiegoacs.org)

**American Counseling Association**  
National: [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org)  
California: [www.cacounseling.org](http://www.cacounseling.org)

**American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages**  
National: [www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org)  
Local: [www.flcsd.org](http://www.flcsd.org)

**American Educational Research Association**  
National: [www.aera.net](http://www.aera.net)  
California: [www.cera-web.org](http://www.cera-web.org)

**American Federation of Musicians**  
National: [www.afm.org](http://www.afm.org)

**American Historical Association**  
National: [www.historians.org](http://www.historians.org)

**American Institute of Architects**  
National: [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org)  
Local: [www.aiasandiego.org](http://www.aiasandiego.org)

**Americans for the Arts Association**  
National: [www.americansforthearts.org](http://www.americansforthearts.org)

**American Institute of Biological Sciences**  
National: [www.aibs.org](http://www.aibs.org)

**American Institute of Certified Accountants**  
National: [www.aicpa.org](http://www.aicpa.org)  
California: [www.calcpa.org](http://www.calcpa.org)

**American Institute of Physics**  
National: [www.aip.org](http://www.aip.org)

**American Marketing Association**  
National: [www.ama.org](http://www.ama.org)  
Local: [www.sdama.org](http://www.sdama.org)

**American Mathematical Society**  
National: [www.ams.org](http://www.ams.org)  
Local: [www.gsdmc.org](http://www.gsdmc.org)

**American Philosophical Practitioners Association**  
National: [www.appa.edu](http://www.appa.edu)

**American Political Science Association**  
National: [www.apsanet.org](http://www.apsanet.org)

**American Psychological Association**  
National: [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)  
Local: [www.sdpsych.org](http://www.sdpsych.org)

**American Public Health Association**  
National: [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org)

**American School Counselor Association**  
National: [www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org)  
California: [www.schoolcounselor-ca.org](http://www.schoolcounselor-ca.org)

**American Society of Criminology**  
National: [www.asc41.com](http://www.asc41.com)

**American Society of Journalists and Authors**  
National: [www.asja.org](http://www.asja.org)  
Local: [www.sdsj.wordpress.com](http://www.sdsj.wordpress.com)

**American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers**  
National: [www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org)

**American Society of Interior Designers**  
National: [www.asid.org](http://www.asid.org)  
California: [www.casd.asid.org](http://www.casd.asid.org)

**American Society of Mechanical Engineers**  
National: [www.asme.org](http://www.asme.org)

**American Society for Testing and Materials**  
National: [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org)

**American Society for Training & Development**  
National: [www.TD.org](http://www.TD.org)  
Local: [www.tdsandiego.org](http://www.tdsandiego.org)

**American Sociological Association**  
National: [www.asanet.org](http://www.asanet.org)  
California: [www.pacificsoc.org](http://www.pacificsoc.org)

**American Statistical Association**  
National: [www.amstat.org](http://www.amstat.org)  
Local: [www.community.amstat.org](http://www.community.amstat.org)

**Association of American Educators**  
National: [www.aetteachers.org](http://www.aetteachers.org)  
California: [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org)

**Association of American Publishers**  
National: [www.publishers.org](http://www.publishers.org)  
Local: [www.publisherswriters.org](http://www.publisherswriters.org)

**Association of Information Tech Professionals**  
National: [www.aitp.org](http://www.aitp.org)  
Local: [www.aitpsd.org](http://www.aitpsd.org)

**Association for Public Policy & Management**  
National: [www.appam.org](http://www.appam.org)

**Association for Women in Communications**  
National: [www.womcom.org](http://www.womcom.org)

**Association for Women in Science**  
Local: [www.awis.org](http://www.awis.org)

**BIOCOM Life Science Industry Association**  
Local: [www.biocom.org](http://www.biocom.org)

**Building Industry Association**  
Southern California: [www.biasc.com](http://www.biasc.com)

**Cal. Association of Marriage & Family Therapists**  
California: [www.camft.org](http://www.camft.org)

**Computing Research Association**  
National: [www.cra.org](http://www.cra.org)

**Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals**  
National: [www.cscmp.org](http://www.cscmp.org)  
Local: [www.apics-sd.org](http://www.apics-sd.org)

**Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers**  
National: [www.ieee.org](http://www.ieee.org)  
Local: [www.sdieee.org](http://www.sdieee.org)

**Institute of Industrial & Systems Engineers**  
National: [www.iise.org](http://www.iise.org)

**International Special Events Society**  
National: [www.ises.com](http://www.ises.com)  
Local: [www.isessandiego.org](http://www.isessandiego.org)

**Mathematical Association of America**  
National: [www.maa.org](http://www.maa.org)

**Mother Coders (technology training for mothers)**  
National: [www.mothercoders.org](http://www.mothercoders.org)

**National Association for Business Economics**  
National: [www.nabe.com](http://www.nabe.com)  
Local: [www.weai.org](http://www.weai.org)

**National Association for Female Executives**  
National: [www.nafe.com](http://www.nafe.com)

**National Association of Environmental Professionals**  
National: [www.naep.org](http://www.naep.org)  
Local: [www.sd.califaep.org](http://www.sd.califaep.org)

**National Association of Purchasing Management**  
Local: [www.napmsd.org](http://www.napmsd.org)

**National Association of Sales Professionals**  
National: [www.nasp.com](http://www.nasp.com)  
Local: [www.aa-isp.org](http://www.aa-isp.org)

**NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education**  
National: [www.naspa.org](http://www.naspa.org)

**National Communication Association**  
National: [www.natcom.org](http://www.natcom.org)

**National Council for Science and the Environment**  
National: [www.ncseglobal.org](http://www.ncseglobal.org)

**National Education Association**  
National: [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)

**National Latina Women's Business Association**  
Local: [www.nlbwa.com](http://www.nlbwa.com)

**National Military Spouse Network**  
National: [www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org](http://www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org)

**Organization Development Network**  
National: [www.odnetwork.org](http://www.odnetwork.org)  
Local: [www.sdodn.org](http://www.sdodn.org)

**National Society of Black Engineers**  
National: [www.nsbe.org](http://www.nsbe.org)

**National Society of Professional Engineers**  
National: [www.nspe.org](http://www.nspe.org)

**National Association of Realtors**  
National: [www.nar.realtor](http://www.nar.realtor)  
Local: [www.sdar.com](http://www.sdar.com)

**Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America**  
National: [www.phrma.org](http://www.phrma.org)  
Local: [www.medicalservicesociety.org](http://www.medicalservicesociety.org)

**Public Relations Society of America**  
National: [www.prsa.org](http://www.prsa.org)  
Local: [www.prsasdic.org](http://www.prsasdic.org)

**San Diego Emerging Museum Professionals**  
Local: [www.sandiegoemp.org](http://www.sandiegoemp.org)

**San Diego Human Resources Roundtable**  
Local: [techsandiego.org](http://techsandiego.org)

**San Diego Paralegal Association**  
Local: [www.sdparalegals.org](http://www.sdparalegals.org)

**San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce**  
Local: [www.sdchamber.org](http://www.sdchamber.org)

**San Diego Venture Group**  
Local: [www.sdv.org](http://www.sdv.org)

**Society for Human Resource Management**  
National: [www.shrm.org](http://www.shrm.org)  
Local: [www.sdshrm.org](http://www.sdshrm.org)

**Society for Marketing Professional Services**  
National: [www.smps.org](http://www.smps.org)

**Society of Women Engineers**  
National: [societyofwomenengineers.swe.org](http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org)  
Local: [www.swesandiego.org](http://www.swesandiego.org)

**Society of Women Environmental Professionals**  
National: [www.swepweb.com](http://www.swepweb.com)

**Working Families Party**  
National: [www.workingfamilies.org](http://www.workingfamilies.org)

**Young Nonprofit Professional Association**  
Local: [www.ynpsandiego.org](http://www.ynpsandiego.org)

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**University of San Diego Young Alumni Network**  
[www.linkedin.com/in/youngalumni](http://www.linkedin.com/in/youngalumni)

**University of San Diego  
Torero Employer and Alumni Mentors (T.E.A.M.)**  
[mentoring.sandiego.edu](http://mentoring.sandiego.edu)

**Handshake Platform**  
[www.sandiego.edu/careers/handshake](http://www.sandiego.edu/careers/handshake)

**University of San Diego Alumni Association**  
[toreronetwork.sandiego.edu](http://toreronetwork.sandiego.edu)