

## Alberta Herbalist Association FAQs

*(The Alberta Herbalist Association is referenced by the "AHA" acronym throughout this document)*

**Q. How do I sign up for the Alberta Herbalists Association mailing list?**

**A.** You can sign up for the mailing list by sending an email to [herbalistsalberta@gmail.com](mailto:herbalistsalberta@gmail.com) with your request. Once you are on the mailing list, you will receive an update email from us approximately every three months. We promise not to spam you or sell your email address to anyone. Ever.

**Q. I am interested in becoming a board/committee member with the Alberta Herbalist Association. How do I apply?**

**A.** Please email [herbalistsalberta@gmail.com](mailto:herbalistsalberta@gmail.com) with your request.

**Q. What type of memberships are available with the AHA?**

**A.** There are three (3) types of memberships. You can apply for a Student, Associate or Professional membership with the AHA. Please see the [AHA Membership](#) page for details.

**Q. When will you be accepting membership applications for the AHA?**

**A.** We will be accepting membership applications starting on October 27, 2016 at the Annual General Meeting in Calgary.

If you are unable to attend the AGM in Calgary, please fill in a membership application form - available [HERE](#) and follow the instructions for submission. Once the AHA receives and approves your application we will send you a 'Confirmation of Membership' letter, along with a Welcome Package.

**Q. Is the Alberta Herbalist Association the official registered society in Alberta for herbalists?**

**A.** Yes. We officially registered as a Society with the Alberta Government in the fall of 2016.

**Q. Do I need to be an Herbalist to join the AHA?**

**A.** No, there are three memberships to choose from which ensure everyone in the community can be a member. The membership options include: Associate, Student and Professional. If you are not an herbalist you would apply for the Associate membership. Please see the [AHA Membership](#) page for more details.

**Q. How much does membership cost? Is there a fee schedule available?**

**Membership Fees:**

1. *Professional Membership Fee:* \$100/year + \$25 one time registration fee
2. *Student Membership Fee:* \$50/year + \$25 one time registration fee
3. *Associate Membership Fee:* \$25/year

**2017 SPECIAL! Introductory Membership Fees:**

1. *Professional Membership Fee\*:* \$50/year + \$25 one time registration fee
2. *Student Membership Fee\*:* \$0(no charge) + \$25 one time registration fee
3. *Associate Membership Fee:* \$25/year

*\*50% OFF Professional and Student Memberships available for 2017 ONLY.*

**Q. How long will my membership last?**

**A.** Membership duration will follow the Calendar year from January 1 – December 31. If you purchase your membership prior to October 1, it will expire on December 31 of that year. If you purchase your membership after October 1 – it will expire on December 31 of the following year. You will receive a membership renewal notice via email, and reminders will be posted on the AHA website and social media platforms.

**Q. What are the benefits of joining the AHA?**

**A.** There are many benefits of joining the AHA. Benefits will differ, depending on the type of membership that you have. For a complete list of benefits, see the [Membership page](#).

**Q. Which educational institutions do you recommend for studying herbalism that meet the**

**requirements for a Student or Professional membership with the AHA?** **A.** There are many paths to becoming a practicing herbalist in Alberta. Please refer to the Educational Standards document to get an idea of what is required. The AHA does not endorse nor recommend schools, herbal programs or mentors. There are specific pre-approved programs that, when completed will be eligible for Professional membership in the AHA. If you are unsure if your herbal school program, mentorship or self-study program will meet the education requirements for the AHA, please send us an email and we would happy to help you.

**Q. Does the AHA provide insurance for practicing Professional members of the AHA?** **A.** The AHA is researching insurance companies that can provide Professional members an affordable way to insure their professional practice. AHA Professional members will be 'pre-approved' for certain types of insurance. Simply put, the AHA will not directly provide insurance. The AHA will however secure a relationship with an insurance company who would pre-approve our Professional members. The ensuing relationship between the Professional member and the insurance company will be separate from the AHA. The Professional member will be responsible for applying for and paying for their insurance (this includes additional fees payable directly to the insurance company). In the coming months we will provide updates regarding insurance as things progress. To stay updated, please email [herbalistsalberta@gmail.com](mailto:herbalistsalberta@gmail.com) with your request to be added to the mailing list.

**Q. Is the AHA associated with or represented on any social media platforms?**

**A.** Yes! We have a Facebook page called the "[Alberta Herbalist Association](#)" and a Facebook group called "[Herbalists of Alberta](#)". We also host a [quest blog on Tumblr](#) that is always seeking submissions by Canadian Herbalists. All contributions can be sent to [herbalistsalberta@gmail.com](mailto:herbalistsalberta@gmail.com). Please join us and share – the more the merrier!