

Alberta Herbalist Association - Membership Application Guide

There are three levels of membership available for the Alberta Herbalist Association;

Professional Member, Student Member, and Associate Member.

All applicants are required to complete the basic [Membership Application Form](#), and pay the appropriate [membership fee](#).

Professional and student member applicants are required to provide additional information outlined below.

Professional Member

A professional herbalist is an individual trained in the practice of herbal medicine who meets the [AHA Education Standards](#).

The applicant is required to complete the [Professional Membership Application Form](#).

There are generally three pathways to becoming a professional member.

1. Formal education through a recognized herbal school
 - a. Provide a copy of diploma and detailed course transcripts including a description of the classes/practical clinic taken and number of hours.
 - b. Provide name and contact number for the school.
2. Education achieved through an oral tradition not recognizing diplomas
 - a. Contact AHA to arrange for verbal and/or written confirmation from the applicants teacher or to arrange an interview.
3. Informal education through a combination of various schools/courses
 - a. Provide evidence that the applicant meets [AHA Educational Standards](#)
 - i. Certificates/diploma
 - ii. Record of practical clinic hours
 - b. Evidence of herbal practice
 - c. Provide three practitioner and three client references
 - d. If the applicant cannot provide the above evidence there is the option to sit an examination.

Student Member

A student member is an applicant who is currently training to become an herbalist. They can be enrolled in a formal herbalist program or completing self-study through various means (e.g. online courses and/or apprenticeship).

1. Formal education
 - a. Provide a letter from your school confirming that the applicant is currently enrolled in an herbal program.
 - b. Provide program outline.
2. Informal education

- a. Complete the [detailed education tracking sheet](#) to record classes taken or enrolled in.

Associate Members

Associate members are supporters of herbalism who wish to be part of the association. There are no educational requirement for this membership category.