



BioTherapeutics, Education & Research Foundation

Advancing Healthcare through Education & Research

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BTER Foundation Membership

Thank you for your interest in joining the BTER Foundation. Take a look at the many benefits of membership, below. Becoming a member is very easy. Complete and submit the form on Page 2, or join via the internet: www.BTERFoundation.org/join.

Member Categories and Qualifications:

- 1) Professional members** (healthcare professionals, researchers, educators, vendors) - *individuals trained and/or working in biotherapy related fields, including health care, education, zoology, microbiology, biomedical research, and vendors of biotherapy products.*
- 2) Community members** - *Members who wish to support the mission of the Foundation, but do not qualify for Professional membership. This includes, but is not limited to, non-therapist community members, and former professional members now retired.*
- 3) Student members** - *Individuals receiving formal training in any field; with appropriate documentation (i.e., current identification card, letter from institution official).*
- 4) Honorary member** - *Membership in this category will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors (with recommendations by the Membership Committee), and is by invitation only.*

Member Benefits:

All members are eligible to receive the following benefits:

- 1) BTER Foundation members are leaders and participants in the movement to improve the access of therapists and patients to beneficial animals.
- 2) Free access to most BTER Foundation educational materials (policies and procedures, education books, CD's, and other products produced by the Foundation).
- 3) Ability to recommend BTER Foundation projects and provide influential feedback on content of educational materials.
- 4) Discounts on BTER Foundation education programs. Usually 10-20% discounts on workshop registration, conferences, etc.
- 5) Discounts on multi-year membership dues.
- 6) Discounts on membership in related organizations, such as the American Apitherapy Society.
- 7) Discounts on Foundation merchandise of 10-25%.
- 8) Free subscription to the Foundation's newsletter: **The BeTER LeTTER.**

Professional Members have these additional benefits:

- 1) Free listing in the Therapist Referral Pages (non-members pay \$60/year).
- 2) Free web page (single page) on the BTER Foundation web-site (additional pages and custom web-design is available at cost).
- 3) Referrals for lectures, interviews and other opportunities, some of which may involve reimbursement directly to the member. (Note: unlike Board Members, regular members are not required to submit their Biotherapy-related honoraria or consulting fees to the Foundation.)
- 4) Free access to the BTER Foundation's virtual library of Biotherapy references (current holdings of over 500 papers)
- 5) Free access to "Claims Appeal Assistance service, in which the BTER Foundation will assist members with denials for Biotherapy reimbursement.
- 6) Pending – discounted subscription to the Official Journal of the BTER Foundation (the specific journal has yet to be determined by the Membership Committee & board of Directors).

Membership Dues:

Membership dues are listed on the next page (application form). *Note the savings in multi-year subscriptions: 10% off dues, each year, with a 2-year membership; 20% off dues, each year, with a 3-year membership.* Memberships expire on December 31. When joining after September 1, membership fees will cover the entire next year. Fees are current as of January 1, 2010, but are subject to change at any time by the Board of Directors. Students must show evidence of status, such as current identification or letter from school official.

BTER Foundation Membership Form

Name: Mr. Ms. Miss Mrs. Dr. Other: _____

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Professional Degree (Check all that apply):
 BA, BS, MA, MBA, MPH, MS, PhD,
 PharmD MD, DPM, DVM, DO, RN, NP/PA,
 NA / LVN, Other (specify): _____

Job Category (check only one):
 Health care professional Journalist
 Health care student None of the above
 Student, non-health care Other (specify): _____
 Scientist or professional researcher
 Patient or someone seeking care
 Friend or family member of someone seeking care

Employer / Affiliation: _____

Job Title or medical specialty: _____

Address (home or work): _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Fax: (____) ____ - _____

E-mail: _____ @ _____

Choose User Name for website access (optional): _____

Major Biotherapy interests (check all that apply):
 Maggot therapy Leech therapy Helmintherapy Microbial & phage therapy BVT
 Ichthiotherapy Pet therapy & hippotherapy Service animals & canine olfactory detection

Membership Category	1 year	2 years	3 years	Dues:
Professional members	\$125	\$225	\$300	
Community members	\$ 55	\$100	\$132	
Student members	\$ 25	\$ 45	\$ 60	
Additional donation:				

TOTAL: _____

Submit Payment by: 1) Send check to: **BTER Foundation, 36 Urey Court, Irvine, CA 92617;**
 2) Pay via PayPal, through our donations page: **www.BTERFoundation.org/donate**.

Check below to Opt Out of:

- I do **not** want to receive newsletters or other updated information.
- I do **not** want my contact info in the Membership Directory (accessible only to members).
- I do **not** want to be listed in the Therapist Database (accessible only to registered users).