

The Senior Services Coalition represents nonprofit and public organizations and stakeholders who are working together to ensure that Alameda County seniors can rely on an easily accessible, coordinated system of social, medical and supportive care.

Your Membership supports these collective goals:

- Strengthen the aging services voice in policy making.
- Increase funding for senior services and strengthen the safety net for economically disadvantaged seniors.
- Make the case for community-based supportive services that help seniors live independently.
- Promote greater flexibility within our County to connect individuals with the services they need.

Membership Dues are used to:

- Pay for staff to advance coalition priorities.
- Amplify advocacy effort with media communications.
- Produce compelling material and data that bring home to policy makers the reality of senior issues.
- Coordinate our efforts with our web site.
- Lobby for legislative changes when other funding won't cover lobbying.

Yes! I want to start/renew my membership in the Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County.

Full Member (senior and disability serving organizations; full members have full voting rights):

- \$2,250 per year (organizations with budgets over \$5 million)
- \$1,250 per year (organizations with budgets over \$1.2 million)
- \$500 per year (organizations with budgets between \$800,000 and \$1.2 million)
- \$300 per year (organizations with budgets between \$500,000 and \$800,000)
- \$100 per year (organizations with annual budgets under \$500,000)
- Commissions on Aging (dues exempt; resolution/minutes affirming membership attached)
- Requesting dues reduction or exemption (please follow guidelines on page 2)

Individual Member (stakeholders who participate fully in SSC activities but do not vote)

- \$50 per year \$100 per year \$500 per year

In addition/instead of membership, I'm making a donation of \$_____ to support SSC's work.

Member Contact Information for FY 2015/16:

Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Make checks payable to our fiscal sponsor, *Meals on Wheels of Alameda County (or "MOWAC")*, with "SSC membership" noted on the check.

Return this Form and Check to: Meals on Wheels of Alameda County/Senior Services Coalition, PO Box 14002, Oakland, CA 94614. Or pay by credit card online at www.seniorservicescoalition.org/membership/

Guidelines for SSC Membership

Full Members

Organizations that serve seniors and people with disabilities in Alameda County may be full members with voting rights, and thus determine SSC's policy agenda and priorities. Full members are also eligible to serve on SSC's Steering Committee, which guides SSC's staff and scope of work.

Selecting dues level - SSC's sliding scale dues structure is linked to the size of a member organization's budget (that is, annual expenditures). Revenue from dues is a cornerstone of SSC's budget and is necessary for covering our core costs and keeping staff. However, participation in the coalition is essential to SSC's success, and ability to pay dues must not be a barrier to membership. Therefore, the following options are available:

Requesting dues reduction - Many organizations have multiple divisions that do not serve seniors, or have budgets highly constrained by restricted funding streams. We ask that members use their best judgment when selecting their dues level, weighing their ability to pay with a recognition of SSC's value to their organization and the aging services system. If you choose to select a dues level that is lower than your organization's formal budget size, simply check the box on the Membership Renewal Form that corresponds to the dues amount that you are selecting, check the box for requesting dues reduction, and send in the form and dues payment.

Requesting dues exemption - Organizations who wish to request an exemption from dues in any given fiscal year may do so by filling out the membership renewal form and emailing it to wendy@seniorservicescoalition.org.

Individual Members

Policy Makers, stakeholders and other individuals who support the Coalition's mission are welcome to participate as individual members. Individual members do not have voting rights, but otherwise may participate fully in all Coalition activities.

Selecting dues level - Several individual member dues levels are suggested on the Membership Renewal Form. Individuals are asked to select payment level based on their ability to pay. Additional donations to SSC are always welcome.