

- Active:** This category is open to any person professionally engaged in any field of musical activity. Membership in both National and State is required. A few years back potential members had to document their educational background, and that determined their status within this category. This is no longer true; one need only apply for membership. Active members are encouraged to become certified through the state or through the NCTM (Nationally Certified Teacher of Music) program. Active members who have attained the age of seventy (70) receive an automatic 25% reduction of dues at both the state and national level as long as their birthdate is listed in their membership data.
- Retired:** Retired membership is open to those who have been active members for at least 20 continuous years, who have reached the age of 65, and who have essentially retired from teaching. A member must send written notice to the MTNA executive director for this class of membership to be activated. When granted by MTNA, the membership status is changed at both National and State levels. Retired members will receive a 50% reduction of dues and may vote, but they cannot hold elective office or enter students in MTNA/MMTA competitions or programs.
- Collegiate:** This category is open to all full-time college students currently involved in music study. They may attend National and State programs and may enter students in MMTA programs. However, they may not enter students in MTNA competitions. Collegiate members currently pay \$12 for National and \$10 for State dues. The membership year is considered to be October 1-September 30.
- High School:** This is a Minnesota category only. This is open to high school students, age 15 and above, currently involved in regular music study. High school members may attend programs of the State and Local Associations and receive all official state publications. They cannot vote or hold office. High school student members may enter students in MMTA programs. The student's teacher serves as a mentor. Membership is \$10. The membership year is considered to be October 1-September 30.
- Patron:** Patron membership is open to any organization, institution, or individual interested in music and desiring to further the aims of MMTA. Patron members may join MMTA without joining MTNA. Patron membership requires payment of annual dues but does not include the right to hold office, vote or enter students in MMTA/MTNA programs. If you know of a business or institution that might be interested in this, please contact Mary Ann Weiss, Patron Member Chair.
- Honorary Life:** This honor may be initiated and conferred by the MMTA Board of Directors upon individuals who have given distinguished service to MMTA or to the art of music. These honored members pay no **state** dues, but have all the rights and privileges of active membership.
- Out of state:** Residents of other states may be active members of Minnesota. They pay MTNA dues only in their state of residency.