

## FAQ's for SAGES members interested in joining AWS

### What is the AWS?

- The Association for Women Surgeons was founded in 1981 and has over 2000 members in 21 countries. The AWS mission is to inspire, encourage, and enable women surgeons realize their professional and personal goals. Learn more at [www.womensurgeons.org](http://www.womensurgeons.org).

### Can men join AWS?

- Yes, AWS membership is open to both men and women. Surgeons would be eligible for Regular membership, and AWS also offers Resident, Student, and Associate memberships.

### Who is eligible for the special discount, is there a deadline, and how much is it?

- SAGES Current Active Members and International Members can join AWS for \$175 (discounted from \$250). Follow these steps to join
  - Visit AWS website's [membership page](#)
  - Register as a Regular member
  - Under membership selection, you have the choice to select either **Regular Membership (New)** or **Regular Membership (Auto-Renew)** which will auto-renew your annual dues every year at the regular amount.
  - Enter your contact information
  - On the payment page under Promotional Code, enter **AWS2025** and click Apply Code to receive 30% off

### Why aren't other SAGES members eligible for the special discount?

AWS already offers significant discounts on the \$250 annual membership for these categories:

Residents-\$80 per year

Students-\$25 per year

Associates (non-surgeons)- \$125 per year

### I'm not a member of AWS or SAGES, but I want to join both – can I get a discount?

- Yes, surgeons joining both societies at the same time are eligible for a 20% discount on 2023 dues from both societies. When completing the AWS application, use promo code **SAGES2025**, and when completing the SAGES application, use promo code **AWS2025**

### When and where is the AWS 2025 annual Meeting?

- The 2025 AWS Meeting is Chicago, Illinois, October 3-4, 2025