

Emeritus Member Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is an Emeritus member?

A: Per the NAFIS Bylaws: "Emeritus members are an honorary status granted by NAFIS to longstanding, dedicated individuals who have retired or moved on from their primary roles employed by a NAFIS member school district, but whose expertise and involvement remain valuable to the NAFIS organization. This status serves to honor their contributions while the organization continues to benefit from their institutional knowledge."

Q: Where do I apply?

A: Visit nafisdc.org. Under "About NAFIS" in the top navigation bar, select "Membership," then "Join NAFIS," and complete the online form (available only during the application windows).

Q: When can I apply?

A: There are two application windows each year when submissions are accepted and reviewed by the NAFIS Board of Directors:

- May 1 – June 30
- October 1 – November 30

These windows ensure that, if approved, applicants can receive the appropriate membership rate at the biannual NAFIS conferences.

Q: When will I know if my application has been approved?

A:

- If submitted between May 1 and June 30, applicants will receive a response from NAFIS staff by the end of July, following the NAFIS Summer Board meeting.
- If submitted between October 1 and November 30, applicants will receive a response from NAFIS staff by the end of January, following the NAFIS Winter Board meeting.

Q: What are the benefits of NAFIS Emeritus membership?

A: Emeritus members receive the same benefits as NAFIS Associate members, including a discount on conference registration.

Q: Is there a cost for Emeritus membership?

A: Per the NAFIS Bylaws, Associate and Emeritus member dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. As of April 2026, there is no cost.

Q: Do I need to apply for Emeritus membership every year?

A: No. Once Emeritus status is granted, it remains in place, and you do not need to reapply.