

BNA Membership and Benefits

The Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis (BNA) has 2 categories of membership: (1) Full Member and (2) Associate Member.

CATEGORY 1

As a full member, you will join over 150,000 **nurse members**, including nurses of the BNA chapter that National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) represents. NBNA provides leadership to advance nursing practice, improve health care for all Americans, particularly the unserved and the underserved and shape health policy for the access and delivery of health care services. Through local chapters, members provide countless hours of community-based health care services and outreach.

There are many benefits of membership in NBNA. They include:

- Subscription to the NBNA News, the association's quarterly newsletter
- Subscription to the Journal of the National Black Nurses Association, a bi-annual published professional refereed journal
- NBNA website: www.NBNA.org
- Direct electronic mailing on nursing and health care issues
- On-line Career Center
- On-line Conference Registration
- On-line Store
- Position papers on important issues impacting the health care of African American consumers
- Association partnerships with federal and national organizations
- Continuing education contact hours for licensure
- A unified voice for the profession of nursing in Washington to address public policy issues
- Networking with African American nurses from around the country, the Caribbean and West Africa
- The NBNA Scholarship and Awards Program -- NBNA offers scholarships to all levels of nursing students to continue and complete their nursing education
- Leadership opportunities through committees and taskforces
- Speaking engagements at national and local conferences, Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust, National Medical Association Health Policy Colloquium, Association of Women's Health Obstetrical and Neonatal Nurses, National Consumers League, The Chest Foundation and the American College of Chest Physicians

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Benefits include:

- Complimentary conference registration in the year that the final payment is made
- Lifetime Membership Certificate
- Listed on the NBNA Lifetime Members Plaque
- Listed in the NBNA Conference Souvenir Program annually
- Listed on the NBNA website
- Special recognition at the Closing Session of the NBNA Annual Conference honoring Lifetime Members
- Special seating for Lifetime Members at the Closing Session of the NBNA Annual Conference
- Complimentary NBNA premium

For a description of NBNA's National Conference and activities, click on the following link:
<http://www.nbna.org/memberbenefits>.

CATEGORY 2

As an associate member, your support of BNA will help **nurse and non-nurse members** advance health parity for individuals who lack access to high quality healthcare locally in Marion County and in the state of Indiana. BNA advocates for and serves all people, especially populations with excess deaths and poorer health status compared to the larger society. BNA Associate members are nurses and non-nurses who support the mission, vision, and values of BNA.

The benefits of associate membership include:

- Opportunities to participate in BNA community service programs
- BNA newsletters
- BNA educational offerings
- Networking with black and other nurses from across the city of Indianapolis and state of Indiana
- Leadership and mentoring opportunities for students and nurses
- Public policy advocacy
- Awards and recognition
- BNA student nurse scholarships and book awards
- Eligible to vote on local issues only