

HOW TO FUND YOUR ASGA MEMBERSHIP

- 1 Pay the dues out of your own budget. This is the most common way that SGs pay their dues.** ASGA's annual dues range from \$397 for the smallest colleges and universities to \$1,097 for the largest institutions. Being an ASGA member is an investment in your Student Government's professional development. Your president, dean of students, director of student activities, and editor of your campus paper all belong to professional associations in their fields of expertise. Your SG deserves to have the same professional resources as they do!
- 2 See if your advisor can help you find the funds.** Many advisors nationwide have paid for ASGA membership from their budgets or have partially funded ASGA membership. Having a better Student Government will make your advisor's job easier.
- 3 Ask your student affairs vice president or dean to help.** Many student affairs vice presidents and deans have partially or fully funded their Student Government's membership in ASGA. You becoming a more effective Student Government will help your institution. A more effective SG means more involvement in campus activities. This leads to better retention of current students, easier recruiting of new students, and more alumni involvement. Your student affairs vice presidents and deans can and should support your ASGA membership financially if you don't have the funds in your own budget.
- 4 Ask your college or university president directly.** Several college and university presidents have funded ASGA membership or have helped the SG find the funds to join ASGA.
- 5 Ask your board of trustees.** If you make the argument that a collaborative, effective Student Government will help the college keep students in school, recruit new students, and encourage more financial contributions from alumni, then you may be able to get the board of trustees to help you fund ASGA membership.
- 6 Fundraise.** An ASGA membership is only \$397 for most schools. Even the largest schools pay just \$1,097 (membership dues are based on your full-time enrollment). It won't be hard to raise a few hundred dollars to fund ASGA membership.
- 7 Apply for ASGA's Scholarship.** Nearly 1,500 Student Governments throughout the nation are members of the American Student Government Association because they want to improve. But other SGs have very limited budgets and just can't fund the annual ASGA membership, even though ASGA dues are low. ASGA offers scholarships to non-member Student Governments that demonstrate a desire to improve, but are limited by their finances.

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