



SDMFC Membership FAQ

1. Isn't my agency already an SDMFC member?

- a. SDMFC understands that this topic has come with a lot of confusion. In an effort to clear up SDMFC membership, SDMFC has elected to re-start the compilation of membership in 2019 with a new set of criteria and commitment to SDMFC membership. See above section for full-fledged explanation of the criteria, commitments, and benefits entailed with membership

2. Why become an Organizational Member or Independent Member of San Diego Military Family Collaborative (SDMFC)?

- a. *SDMFC Website and Resource Profile*
 - i. SDMFC membership website will promote your organization/agency not only as a member of SDMFC, but to also inform anyone browsing your resource profile of who your organization/agency is and how your organization/agency supports military families.
 - ii. ONLY SDMFC Organizational Members will have a resource profile on the SDMFC website moving forward
 - iii. SDMFC will also feature your organization/agency as a "Community Spotlight Partner" on both SDMFC website and monthly convenings
- b. *Advanced Registration and discount on SDMFC Annual Summit*
 - i. SDMFC membership will provide a discount for members of your organization/agency to attend SDMFC's largest annual event where more than 175 representatives of command leadership, military families, and service providers gather
- c. *Organizational Logo displayed at monthly convenings and Annual Summit*
 - i. SDMFC will promote your organization/agency as a part of our network at our monthly in-person events
- d. *SDMFC Online Newsletter priority*
 - i. SDMFC Bi-monthly newsletters are disseminated to more than 1000+ subscribers. Share your organization/agency events and activities with our network
- e. *SDMFC Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram Social Media Priority*
 - i. Additionally, SDMFC will support promotion of your events/activities on social media as long as it has not been featured in SDMFC newsletter
- f. *SDMFC Member-Only trainings/networking events*
 - i. To better equip and inform SDMFC members of military family trends, topics, and information, SDMFC team will be providing trainings and networking events over the course of the calendar year
- g. *Signed Letter of Support by the SDMFC Director, SAY San Diego Senior Program Director-Danny Romero*
 - i. A Signed letter of support will be provided for agencies seeking support for grant opportunities and more

3. What is the criteria for membership?

- a. Six months of meaningful engagement with SDMFC or if otherwise approved by the Coordinating Council.
- b. Examples of engagement include:

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- i. Attending regular Monthly Convenings and/or reviewing social media feed of monthly convenings
 - ii. Participation in SDMFC Action Teams (Military Transition: The Spouse Edition [MTSE] or Community Prevention and Safety Alliance [CPSA])
 - iii. Posting information from SDMFC's social media platforms to share with your organization/agency's followers
 - c. Must offer programs/services free of charge or on a sliding scale for military personnel and their families.
 - i. Provide a verified 990 or non-profit tax status letter
 - ii. Provide a letter detailing services provided at discount or pro-bono to military connected families or on a sliding scale
 - iii. Provide a listing of your agency's current partners and/or members in the community that support your work
 - d. Intentionally seek out partnership opportunities with SDMFC on grants and other joint ventures
 - i. Provide written statement on how your organization/agency provide services to Military Connected Families indicating how your agency's services are critical in supporting military families
 - e. Annual member dues of \$50
 - i. Organizations/Agencies will be expected to provide a membership due of \$50/annually. Organizations/agencies may give annually in excess of this amount, but \$50 is the minimum due for all recognized SDMFC agencies
 - ii. Payment will be requested once the Coordinating Council reviews membership application and provides agency contact a confirmation that your group has been approved of membership status. Payment will be made ONLY after this confirmation
 - iii. Exceptions will be made for Government Entities/Employees by contacting Danny Romero at dromero@saysandiego.org or (858) 496-0044 ext. 107 for more information
- 4. What is the commitment expected of SDMFC members?**
 - a. SDMFC members will be expected to conduct themselves as the following:
 - i. Act in the best interest of military families
 - ii. Be leaders in the "Military Connected Community"
 - iii. Be good stewards of this community
 - iv. Follow SDMFC online or in person
 - v. Actively participate with SDMFC on all possible levels including Convenings, Action Teams, and initiatives, whenever possible
 - b. As a member you will be expected to adhere to the following:
 - i. Provide feedback to assist SDMFC initiatives
 - ii. Embrace the mission of the SDMFC, the "Principles of Family Support Practice," & the "Five Protective Factors"
 - 1. Mission: SDMFC provides an inclusive forum to maximize the collective impact of community resources to enhance military family life.
 - 2. "Five Protective Factors": <https://ctf4kids.org/about-prevention/strengthening-families/>
 - 3. "Principles of Family Support Practice": <http://www.cofamilycenters.org/centers/family-support-principles-premises/>

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- iii. Additionally, organization/agency contact will hold your staff accountable to conduct themselves in a professional, responsible, ethical and lawful manner. Information gained through participation with SDMFC's Convenings, Action Teams, etc. will be shared among your fellow organizations/staff and/or will be shared on social media
- 5. What is the process to submit to become a member?**
 - a. Become an Organizational Member by filling out application online (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Goh5Mxw-4JN7psDI6G8b27ggyTPBjP4VLxqr_LCo9ck/viewform)
 - b. Your application will then go before the SDMFC Coordinating Council for review. Following the next Coordinating Council Meeting, SDMFC's Coordinating Council will contact you to let you know of the status of your application in terms of approval/rejection. If approved, SDMFC requests your annual membership dues and for you to designate a representative to attend monthly convenings and other SDMFC related activities, when possible
 - 6. Who should complete the membership application?**
 - a. Membership application should be completed by higher level ranking administration at your organization/agency including CEO, Executive Directors, Vice President's, Directors or those within the agency that have decision-making powers
 - 7. What if my agency doesn't allow for me to be a member, how can I still be considered for membership?**
 - a. Yes, you are still welcome to participate in monthly convenings and SDMFC Action Teams, but extra benefits such as having a resource profile, organization logos on SDMFC related materials, discounts to annual conference and training/networking events will be only provided to SDMFC members
 - 8. If I am independent or not connected to an agency, am I still welcome to participate?**
 - a. Yes, we would love to have you fill out an individual application so we can add you to our list of "Independent Members."
 - b. Become an Independent Member by filling out application online (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8t1OupSwTuK9SLIkGZjv9QHrrzAmJFqDG--YyzAobNXbsDA/viewform>)
 - c. You are still welcome to participate in monthly convenings and SDMFC Action Teams, but extra benefits such as having a resource profile, organization logos on SDMFC related materials, discounts to annual conference and training/networking events will be only provided to SDMFC members
 - 9. Will membership dues be a one off contribution or annual due?**
 - a. Beginning in January of 2019, SDMFC will be having an annual membership for SDMFC benefits. [Please see above section for tangible benefits](#)
 - 10. What is the expected contribution at this time?**
 - a. SDMFC understands that we have been a collection of various military and veteran service providers with minimal and robust resources. In an effort to meet the needs of each agency, annual dues are set at \$50 per organization/agency and ask that if able to contribute additional funds throughout the year for year-end appeals and other fundraising events to please support SDMFC efforts to provide a more meaningful relationship to the military connected community

For any questions or concerns, please contact SDMFC Coordinator, Danny Romero at dromero@saysandiego.org or (858) 496-0044 ext. 107

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