



## DISCOVER WHAT AN AER MEMBERSHIP CAN DO FOR YOU

Being a member of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) means joining a community that's all about supporting professionals who provide services to people with visual impairments. We're here to offer you meaningful resources—from professional support and advocacy to education, networking and more. Plus, as a member, you'll enjoy exclusive discounts and services just for you. Membership also opens doors to career growth by connecting you with top-notch training, the latest tools and trends, fresh ideas, and a network of peers who share your passion. We'd love to have you with us!

Join or renew your membership at <https://www.aerbvi.org/join-or-renew-here!>

### Take a look at some of the exclusive benefits available just for you:

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**PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT** – AER offers continuing education by offering you educational sessions online and at your convenience through our Knowledge Center! We also offer webinars and live watercooler chats that cover topics of interest to vision professionals. AER continues to expand and is enhancing the eLearning platform offering more opportunities for growth.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS** – AER offers various scholarships to students who are legally blind and are studying for a career in the field of services to the blind or visually impaired. Scholarship recipients are recognized during the biennial conference.

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**PUBLICATIONS** – AER members have access to some of the most well-respected and prestigious publications in the field: the **New RE:view** (TNR – AER's newest Journal for practitioners providing direct services to students and clients), the **Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness (JVIB)**, **AERODYNAMICS** (quarterly newsletter for our Canadian members), and **AER The Voice** (monthly e-newsletter). In addition, all archived publications are stored in the members-only section of our website. AER books provide members access to a range of topics related to working with those who are blind and have low vision.

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**ADVOCACY** – AER advocates for our field on behalf of our members and the clients whom we serve. We join in on the efforts aimed at educating the decision-makers at the state and federal levels about the importance of specialized services for people who are visually impaired. We are stronger, together!

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**AER DIVISIONS** are professional **LEARNING COMMUNITIES**, which enable members to focus on specific topics of interest and expertise. We encourage you to join as many Learning Communities as you want – the first three are included with your membership and there is a nominal fee for each additional division.

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**INTERNATIONAL AND CHAPTER CONFERENCES** are the premiere events connecting our members with their colleagues across the nation. Members receive a substantial discount on their conference registration fees. AER also offers a variety of ways to learn such as international, interest-specific, chapter conferences and other online options. All at members-only discounts.

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**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION** – AER recognizes its members’ contributions to the field through biennial awards, including the Allen, Bauman, Bledsoe, MacFarland, McAulay, Shotwell and Welsh Awards, and the AER Outstanding Chapter Award. Award winners are recognized at the biennial conference. Our history of recognizing our members goes back 50 years!

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**NETWORKING** at its finest! With a membership base that is growing, AER is a one-stop networking shop! From our biennial conference to our chapters and our numerous listservs and Divisions, we provide many ways for you to meet and building relationships with your fellow professionals.

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**SPECIAL DISCOUNTS** – AER members receive exclusive discounts on insurance, special AER publications, conference registration fees, and car rentals and hotel discounts.

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**AND SO MUCH MORE...** Visit us at [www.aerbvi.org](http://www.aerbvi.org) for more details on what we can do for you.

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**Come be a part of something great!**

*As an AER member, you can be proud of your affiliation with the premiere organization for the education and rehabilitation of the blind and visually impaired. Take advantage of the benefits of being an AER member.*

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