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Empowering, Educating and Celebrating*

Terms and Conditions of FCDSN Membership

Types of Memberships:

The Flower City Down Syndrome Network offers three types of memberships:

- **Family Membership:** A family lives in that defines itself as being affected in some way by Down syndrome. A family need not have a family member with Down syndrome living in the household to qualify for a Family Membership; however, eligibility for some of FCDSN's programs will depend upon this factor. All family members living in the same household are covered under a Family Membership.
- **Individual Membership:** An individual that defines him or herself as being affected in some way by Down syndrome. An individual need not have Down syndrome to qualify for an Individual Membership; however, eligibility for some of FCDSN's programs FCDSN's programs will depend upon this factor.
- **Professional/Organizational Membership:** A professional or organization that works with, or has a mission related to, individuals with Down syndrome or any other disability.

Payment of Dues:

An annual due for all membership types is \$35. For existing members, **membership dues are due by January 31st each year**

For new members, the membership dues are waived for the first year. Upon filling out the membership form, the member can immediately participate in any and all of FCDSN's programs for which the member is otherwise eligible.

New members that join during the fourth quarter of a year can carry their membership over into the following calendar year without having to pay additional membership dues. Please see the Reimbursement Policies for limitations on maximum benefits through the Reimbursement Program.

Please review the Reimbursement Policies for an overview of how the timing of your payment of dues will impact your ability to participate in the Reimbursement Programs.

Membership dues may be waived by the President upon a showing of financial hardship. Members applying for a waiver shall provide the FCDSN with requested information on their household income, composition, and expenses. It is the responsibility of the applicant to secure a waiver by January 31st in order to maintain their good standing status. Membership dues may be waived a maximum of one time per membership.

Requirements for Maintaining Membership in Good Standing:

To be considered a member in good standing, membership dues must be paid in accordance with the schedule above, or a waiver must have been obtained prior to January 31st.

Eligibility for FCDSN Programs by Membership Type:

Membership Type	Program Eligibility
Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Groups• Member Appreciation Events• Reimbursement Programs
Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Groups• Member Appreciation Events• Reimbursement Programs
Professional/Organizational	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Groups• Member Appreciation Events