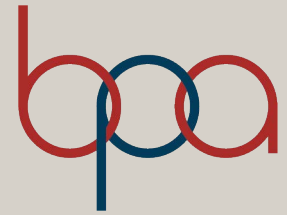


# Virtual Membership



**Business Professionals of America virtual membership** is open to any Middle Level, Secondary or Post-secondary student that does not have access to a chartered chapter and is interested in business, finance, IT, and/or marketing while enrolled in a program of learning. There are currently a number of states that charter a stand-alone school chapter or virtual chapter, but for students located in states that do not currently have virtual membership established, students may join the organization as a National Virtual Chapter member.

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## Contact Us

To learn more about Business Professionals of America Virtual Membership and find out if your state offers it, visit our website at [www.bpa.org](http://www.bpa.org) or contact Mark Burch, Director of Member Services at [mburch@bpa.org](mailto:mburch@bpa.org) or 614.895.7277 Ext. 7482.

## Member Benefits

Members in a virtual chapter would receive all of the rights and privileges as a student member as outlined in the National Policy & Procedures Handbook, and have access to all member services and programs, including but not limited to:

- Student Member Certification Series
- Chapter/National Officer positions
- BPA Cares
- Torch Awards
- Virtual Events
- WSAP Competitive Events
- National Leadership Conference

## Competition

1. **Virtual members** participating and paying dues to a state association would be counted toward that state's allocation for competitive event (i.e. Texas virtual members would advance along with other secondary members in their state).
2. **National Virtual Chapter** members would advance directly to Nationals based on the current state competitive event allocation (i.e. the chapter would receive as many state advancements as a chartered state association).

## Dues

1. **Members in virtual chapters** supported by a State BPA Charter would pay national dues as prescribed by the National Center for Middle Level, Secondary or Post-secondary Division and state dues as prescribed by the State Association.
2. **Members in the National Virtual Chapter**, not supported by a State BPA Charter, would pay annual dues of \$14.00 per member.

