Greetings!

We are delighted that you are considering membership in the Greater New York City – BNA chapter of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc. I send you greetings on behalf of our Chapter President Dr. Julius Johnson. The following will provide you with the necessary information to join both the GNYC-BNA / NBNA for the **January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020 membership year**.

Membership in our organization comes at both the national and local levels. In order to be considered a full member you must join the National Black Nurses Association, Inc at the national level and the Greater New York City-BNA chapter at the local level. Don’t worry you can do both at the same time through our chapter and we will guide you through the process but first please read the benefits of joining our organization below.

**Benefits of Joining the NBNA and GNYC-BNA in general**:

* Online NBNA News, the association's quarterly newsletter
* Subscription to the **Journal of the National Black Nurses Association**, a bi-annual published professional refereed journal
* On-line Job Career Center
* NBNA website:  [www.nbna.org](http://www.nbna.org/)
* Direct electronic mailing on nursing and health care issues
* On-line Conference Registration
* Access to Mentorship and professional guidance
* Position Papers on important issues impacting the health care of African American consumers
* Association partnerships with federal and national organizations
* Continuing education contact hours for licensure
* A unified voice for the profession of nursing in Washington to address public policy issues
* **Networking with African American nurses from around the country, the Caribbean, Canada and West Africa**
* **The NBNA Scholarship and Awards Program** -- NBNA offers scholarships to all levels of nursing students to continue and complete their nursing education.
* Leadership opportunities through committees and task forces
* Speaking engagements at national and local conferences, Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust, National Medical Association Health Policy Colloquium, National Minority Quality Forum.
* **Webinars, CE and Non-CEU**
* External Advisory committee Appointments.
* Participate in NBNA's National Initiatives on Violence Prevention, Global Health, Mentorship and Brain Health.

**Who is eligible to become a member and what are dues?**

Membership is open to all RN’s, LPN’s / LVN’s, and nursing students in any level RN or LPN/LVN educational program. We also offer Affiliate and Associate Memberships to other healthcare professionals and supporters.

Dues are based on your status and licensure and for the current year can be found in the membership dues schedule chart.

This year, there is a membership discount, so take advantage and join today! See the totals below!

**2020 Membership Dues Schedule**

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| **Title** | **2020 Cost (with New Member/ Renewing Member)** | **Original Cost without Campaign** | **Discount** |
| RN/1st Yr New Grad | Nat’l $160  Local $50  **Total $210** | Nat’l $ 225  Local $50 | $65 Discount |
| LPN/ LVN | Nat’l $125  Local $25  **Total $150** | Nat’l $175  Local $25 | $50 Discount |
| Retired Nurse | Nat’l $100  Local $25  **Total $125** | Nat’l $100  Local l $25 | None |
| Unlicensed Student Nurse (Matriculated within nursing school) | Nat’l $35  Local $10  **Total $45** | Nat’l $50  Local $10 | $15 Discount |
| Lifetime Member (must pay 4 installments of $500 in a one-year period & pay local dues yearly) | Lifetime Local dues only  **Total $50** | Lifetime Local dues only $50 | n/a |
| Affiliate/ Associate Members | $50 | $50 | n/a |

**Application for Membership Procedure:**

1. **Download and complete the membership application**, paying very close attention to the appropriate fee based on your credentials and status.

\* Please note that nursing students are defined as someone who is **UNLICENSED** (not including nurses who are in school for an advanced degree) and matriculated within a nursing program. All student applicants must also provide proof of nursing school matriculation (letter from school or current unofficial transcript) with their application.

1. **Provide your total payment** as determined by your status electronically to our GNYC-BNA account using any of the payment apps below:        **Write in MEMO: Membership Dues**

* **Venmo:** @GreaterNewYork-Nurses

**OR**

* **PayPal:** GNYCBNA@gmail.com

\* Circle the appropriate cost based on your status.

*See the dues chart for guidance.*

\*Attach your payment receipt to the emailed application.

1. Submit your application, payment receipt, and proof of enrollment (students only) to [gnycbnamembership@gmail.com](mailto:gnycbnamembership@gmail.com).

If you have any application questions, feel free to contact us at: [gnycbnamembership@gmail.com](mailto:gnycbnamembership@gmail.com)

**Keep up with us at:**

Website: www.gnycbna.org

Instagram: @gnycbna

Twitter: @gnycbna

LinkedIn: Greater New York City - Black Nurses Association

Facebook: Greater New York City - Black Nurses Association, Inc.

Do not hesitate to contact our membership chair via email at [gnycbnamembership@gmail.com](mailto:gnycbnamembership@gmail.com).

or [gnycbna@gmail.com](mailto:gnycbna@gmail.com) for other general chapter questions.

In Service,

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