

Here is some helpful information to share when someone is deciding to join SUAA. As a Retiree, the easiest way to be an SUAA member is to automatically have your dues deducted from your monthly SURS check amounting to less than a cup of coffee or tea. And, as a Current Employee, the easiest way to be an SUAA member is to automatically have your dues deducted from your monthly paycheck or electronic bank debit. Again, the amount is far less than a cup of coffee or tea. No need to remember when and if you paid, or if your benefits will lapse. You will continue to receive timely information via email and/or through the SUAA website on matters that may concern you as an annuitant. Whether it's about your pension, healthcare, or even specific legislation, SUAA will keep you informed. SUAA is your voice at the State Capitol through voice, action, mission, and visibility.

Here is the best reason for your spouse/partner to join SUAA. You are earning retirement benefits for you and your spouse/partner. Your spouse/partner is eligible for survivor's benefits. Some chapters provide guidance through the survivors' process of applying for SURS benefits to avoid costly and time-consuming mistakes.

There are also several ancillary benefits that are included with your membership for you and your family. For instance, just by renting a car or booking a hotel stay, your savings may end up covering your membership dues! Check them out on our website ([www.suaa.org/ancillary-benefits](http://www.suaa.org/ancillary-benefits)).

Anyone interested in becoming a member of SUAA should simply fill out the SUAA membership application, sign it, and mail it to the SUAA office. They may also apply online at ([www.suaa.org/join-suaa-now](http://www.suaa.org/join-suaa-now)). If applying as an Annual single member or Annual single member & spouse/partner, remember to include your check when mailing the application to SUAA or pay via credit card when applying online. If you have any questions, please call the SUAA office at 217-523-4040. Someone will be happy to assist you.