

Membership

- A prospective member
 - must have an education degree OR be ELIGIBLE for certification in education. (Note that a prospective member doesn't actually have to be certified.)
 - must be under contract.
 - (However, there are situations when a contract may not be required. For example: A retired educator or an educator at a private or parochial school may not be under contract.)
 - must be actively engaged in education.
 - ("Actively engaged in education" can be interpreted broadly. For example: substituting or volunteering at a school or working with students in an educational capacity, as in Girls Scouts or 4-H, counts as "actively engaged.")
 - may be retired, assuming that the above requirements are met and that she "demonstrates a genuine interest and active involvement in the current educational process."
 - may be in her first year of teaching since the two years of teaching experience is no longer a requirement.
 - may be a previous member, who is reinstated through a process outlined in the International Bylaws. "Once a sister, always a sister."
 - must have outstanding ability and personal qualifications.
 - must be highly recommended by ADK members.
 - must have a high degree of social acceptance in professional and community relationships.
 - must be voted unanimously into membership by the chapter members. An e-mail vote is appropriate.

Current members are encouraged to invite outstanding qualified prospective members to attend meetings. They may attend as guests until they make a decision about joining. If you are not sure whether a prospective member meets qualifications for membership, ask the chapter membership chair to check with International Headquarters for clarification.