



Frequently Asked Questions

Membership

What are the local dues?

\$60.00 annually for regular membership

\$40.00 annually for student membership

<http://www.astdlincoln.org/graphics/content/membershipapp05.pdf>

What do I get for my local dues?

Monthly programs at 50% of the non-member price

Scholarship opportunities

Networking opportunities

Membership directory access rights

Access to the Resource Library, including the \$599 CPLP learning pack

Opportunities to participate in special interest groups

<http://www.astdlincoln.org/membership/index.html>

What are the national dues?

Classic Membership

12-month individual US\$180

24-month individual US\$320

36-month individual US\$450

E-Membership

Electronic benefits only

12-month individual US\$150

(E-Membership is available to members outside the US only)

Senior Classic (62 and over)

12-month individual US\$90

Student Classic (12 credits/yr)

12-month individual US\$59

Group Membership

Special dues rates for organizations with 5 or more members.

What do I get for my national dues?

- ASTD Tools and publications: T+D Magazine, The Buzz, ASTD Links
- Support for your professional training programs using exclusive ASTD research or do-it-yourself research tools.
- Networking opportunities through conferences, meetings and a virtual community.
- Get the inside track on certifications and receive exclusive discounts, tips and tools to maximize your professional potential.

<http://www.astd.org/membership/>

ASTD is the leading association for workplace learning and performance professionals. With more than 40,000 members, ASTD advocates for continuous learning and performance improvement to drive the global economy.

Why become a local member if I'm already a national member?

- Participate in local chapter programs and SIG opportunities.
- A chance to network with area workplace learning and development professionals.
- The opportunity to impact the work of the local chapter through volunteer involvement.

What are the pre-requisites to be considered a student member of ASTD?

To be considered eligible for student status and reduced membership dues, one needs to be active (accepted and taking classes) in a program of study at any university or college. This also includes any on-line programs as well. An eligible student can be full or part time. If student membership is granted, it is highly encouraged that the student member participates in the Student SIG.

Programs

How do I know what programs are being offered?

Go to the ASTD-Lincoln Calendar of Events web page:

<http://www.astdlincoln.org/programs/index.html>

What are the different event types on the calendar?

- ASTD-Lincoln Programs and Workshops – programs that are offered by the local chapter to members and non-members.
- ASTD National – national programs that are deemed important to our general memberships
- Board of Directors – board meetings
- Committees and Task Groups – local administrative meetings, any member is invited to participate in these groups
- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce – ASTD-Lincoln has joined the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and representative of our organization can participate in meetings and other functions at the member rate

- *Other* – other program offerings, including other ASTD chapter programs that members may want to know about
- *Special Interest Groups (SIGs)* – ASTD-Lincoln has a Technology and Consultants group that meets monthly. Members are encouraged to participate in this free networking group.

When are the monthly program meetings?

The third Thursday of each month, from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m..

(please check the website calendar as dates and times are subject to change)

<http://www.astdlincoln.org/programs/index.html>

Can I recommend a program topic?

Yes you can, and we encourage this! Just contact the Director of Programming at pjames@astdlincoln.org with your ideas.

Competency & Certification

What is the CPLP™?

The ASTD CI is pleased to announce the operational launch of the CPLP™ credential in 2006. This is a broad-based credential for the learning and performance professional. It covers nine areas of expertise as defined by the [ASTD Competency Model](#).

The Certified Professional in Learning and Performance™ (CPLP™) offered by the ASTD Certification Institute (CI) offers workplace learning and performance (WLP) professions an opportunity to enhance credibility and prove value in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

<http://www.astd.org/content/ASTDcertification/>

What is the purpose of the ASTD competency model?

In simple terms, it defines what people need to **know** and **do** to be successful in the learning and performance field.

What are the three basic levels of the model?

- **Roles** are defined as areas of responsibility or hats people wear. The specific combination of competencies needed to perform each role may vary.
- **Areas of expertise** comprise profession-specific competencies. There are nine areas of expertise for the learning and performance field.
- **Foundational competencies** consist of groupings of business/management, personal, and interpersonal competencies. These are also important to success and are applicable across a wider range of occupations than the areas of expertise.

What about other Certifications?

ASTD offers key certificate and workshops programs to focus your professional development. [ASTD's certificate programs.](#)

Involvement

How can I get more involved with ASTD Lincoln?

There are various volunteer opportunities with ASTD-Lincoln; committee involvement, task groups, event assistance, etc. Just contact the Director of Involvement for more information. kmattran@astdlincoln.org

How can I become a board member?

Contact a current Board Member and let them know of your interest. http://www.astdlincoln.org/membership/chapter_board.html

Does ASTD-Lincoln draw upon the expertise of its members for monthly programming and special presentations?

Yes - contact the VP of Programming, rsnyder@astdlincoln.org or the Director of Programming, pjames@astdlincoln.org.

How do I join a Special Interest Group (SIG)?

As an ASTD-Lincoln member you are automatically eligible to participate in any SIG's. [http://www.astdlincoln.org/programs/index.html?topic=list&search_var=search&category_sent=Special+Interest+Groups+\(SIG\)](http://www.astdlincoln.org/programs/index.html?topic=list&search_var=search&category_sent=Special+Interest+Groups+(SIG))

Library

How does a member check out items from the library?

Currently any member can contact the VP of Education and Resource to obtain a listing of resources available. In the near future, these resources will be listed on the website. Arrangements can be made to pick up the requested items. A promissory note will be required, that states the item will be returned in a reasonable amount of time and will be replaced if damaged or lost.

What is available in the ASTD-Lincoln Library

We began to collect items for the library as of May of 2006. We currently have the ASTD CPLP study kit, back issues of T& D, Info Line, and a few books on training. We are always looking for donations if anyone has books that do not need anymore and would like to donate to the chapter library.

Scholarships

What scholarships are available?

Scholarships are based on need and are available for ASTD-Lincoln Big Event, all ASTD certification conferences, International Conference & Expo (ICE) and ASTD Leaders Conference (ALC).

<http://www.astdlincoln.org/membership/scholarships.html>

How do I apply for a scholarship?

Complete the ASTD-Lincoln Scholarship Application Form.

<http://www.astdlincoln.org/graphics/content/scholarshipapp06.pdf>

Sponsorships

What sponsorship opportunities are available for my company

ASTD-Lincoln offers the 4-Star Sponsorship Program, with varying costs and benefits per level. We also offer the opportunity to become a web sponsor.

Further details on these sponsorship programs can be found on the webpage.

<http://www.astdlincoln.org/sponsors/index.html>

How can my company apply to sponsor a program?

Complete the application as directed.

<http://www.astdlincoln.org/graphics/content/webponsorapplication.pdf>

Special Interest Groups (SIG)

What is the Student SIG?

The student group was formed to provide students an opportunity to make a connection from student life to the work world. The student SIG provides job shadowing and mentoring programs from area business to give students a glance of what different jobs entail. The Student SIG provides networking with other students as well as our regular chapter members with monthly programs and other social events. The Student SIG also provides students with resources to get in touch with the training and human performance information as they make their decisions for career paths.

What is the Technology SIG?

The technology SIG was formed to provide workplace learning professionals the opportunity to make a connection with others interested in technology, and more specifically technology as it relates to our profession. This group meets once a month and have had previous programs on podcasting, PowerPoint 2007, e-learning trends and more.