

## **Alberta Herbalist Association - Membership Application Guide**

There are three levels of membership available for the Alberta Herbalist Association;

**Professional Member, Student Member, and Associate Member.**

All applicants are required to complete the basic [Membership Application Form](#), and pay the appropriate [membership fee](#).

Professional and student member applicants are required to provide additional information outlined below.

### **Professional Member**

A professional herbalist is an individual trained in the practice of herbal medicine who meets the [AHA Education Standards](#).

The applicant is required to complete the [Professional Membership Application Form](#).

There are generally three pathways to becoming a professional member.

1. Formal education through a recognized herbal school
  - a. Provide a copy of diploma and detailed course transcripts including a description of the classes/practical clinic taken and number of hours.
  - b. Provide name and contact number for the school.
2. Education achieved through an oral tradition not recognizing diplomas
  - a. Contact AHA to arrange for verbal and/or written confirmation from the applicants teacher or to arrange an interview.
3. Informal education through a combination of various schools/courses
  - a. Provide evidence that the applicant meets [AHA Educational Standards](#)
    - i. Certificates/diploma
    - ii. Record of practical clinic hours
  - b. Evidence of herbal practice
  - c. Provide three practitioner and three client references
  - d. If the applicant cannot provide the above evidence there is the option to sit an examination.

### **Student Member**

A student member is an applicant who is currently training to become an herbalist. They can be enrolled in a formal herbalist program or completing self-study through various means (e.g. online courses and/or apprenticeship).

1. Formal education
  - a. Provide a letter from your school confirming that the applicant is currently enrolled in an herbal program.
  - b. Provide program outline.
2. Informal education

- a. Complete the [detailed education tracking sheet](#) to record classes taken or enrolled in.

### **Associate Members**

Associate members are supporters of herbalism who wish to be part of the association. There are no educational requirement for this membership category.