

Educators

**Technical Writers,
Publishers & Editors**

**Designers &
Graphic Artists**

Engineers

**Documentation
Specialists**

**Society for
Technical
Communication
FACT SHEET**

**Technical
Communication
Consultants**

**Information
Science
Researchers**

**Advertising
Copywriters**

**Technical
Presentation
Specialists**

**Publications &
Communications
Directors/Managers**

Overview

With over 50 chapters and branches, the Society for Technical Communication is the world's largest professional organization dedicated to the advancement of technical communication. Through autonomous chapter activity, the STC encourages professional and technical groups in specialized areas of technical communication. The STC has three types of membership: Individual, Special and Corporate. Members come from many different occupations and careers.

Activities

The STC participates in a wide range of activities.

- Publishing a professional journal, various newsletters and standards used by writers, editors and graphic arts specialists
- Advising on publications standards and specifications
- Providing speakers for, conducting and sponsoring seminars, international symposia, annual conferences and various exhibits
- Helping to develop college curricula and other programs for self-improvement and in-plant training of technical communicators
- Establishing and administering scholarships in technical communication
- Encouraging [*Note: Does this mean "financially support" or simply "promote"?*] research in technical communication
- Cooperating with local scientific and educational groups in mutual-interest projects

Individual Membership

Individual membership has four grades: Student Member, Affiliate Member, Member and Senior Member. Application qualifications for each grade of Individual membership are as follows. [*Note: Explain "Retired Member"!*]

- Student Member: Is a full-time college or technical-school student.
- Affiliate Member: Is working or interested in technical communication

- Member: Is involved full-time in technical communication and has been so for at least one year before application.
- Senior Member: Is engaged in technical communication, has had at least seven years' experience in the field and has been a Member of the STC for at least two years before application for Senior Member.
- Retired Member: *[Note: Again, explain! Not listed in descriptions.]*

Special Membership

Special membership has three elective *[Note: Explain!]* grades: Associate Fellow, Fellow and Honorary Member. All levels of Special membership are conferred by invitation.

[Note: Explain what the difference between each level is, and/or on what grounds someone may be nominated for each.]

Corporate Membership

Corporate membership has one grade: Sustaining Member. It is designed for companies, corporations, institutions and other organizations that are interested in supporting the aims and work of the Society. Sustaining Members may join by application or invitation.

Dues & Fees

With the exception of Special membership, all types of members have set annual dues. (Amounts subject to change.)

Student Member	\$10.00
Affiliate Member	\$20.00
Member	\$20.00
Senior Member	\$20.00
Retired Member	\$10.00
Sustaining Member	\$250.00

Additional fees also may apply.

Enrollment*	\$5.00
Reinstatement	\$5.00
Senior Member Application	\$15.00

* Enrollment is not applicable to students.

[Notes: The handout says "Member (all grades): \$20" and then gives a different amount for Student, Retired and Sustaining Members. Are these exceptions, or is the \$20 additional? "Enrollment" is not explained, either.]

Affiliations

The STC is officially affiliated with several professional organizations.

- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Engineers Joint Council
- Council of Communication Societies
- International Council for Technical Communication

For More Information

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