

NJSOP Member Dues Policy (March 2025)

The NJSOP annual dues for active members, except as stated in the NJSOP Constitution Article 4, shall be in such amounts as prescribed by the membership at the NJSOP General Membership Meeting. The Board of Directors may adjust the dues for cost of living, not to exceed 5% on a yearly basis without needed full approval of the general membership. American Optometric Association (AOA) dues are established by the AOA. NJSOP Affiliates Local Societies set and collect their own dues. The NJSOP Constitution Article 10 addresses removal from NJSOP membership.

The AOA and NJSOP dues amounts are separated out on both the dues' structure document and dues bill. The AOA and NJSOP non-deductible percentage of dues is separated on dues bill and noted under the tax notices. A suggested voluntary NJOPAC contribution may be listed on the NJSOP dues bill. **NJOPAC contributions are entirely voluntary.**

Dues Payment Options

One-time annual dues payment – You may choose to pay the full amount for the year upfront. Please review all membership details on the NJSOP and AOA Join Us pages. Pay in Full by January 31 discount - 1st – 6th year full dues member paying their dues in full by JANUARY 31ST will receive a 5% discount on NJSOP dues only. Members who are on partial practice or waivers are not eligible.

Automatic Monthly Deductions – Members may set up 12 monthly automatic dues payments, to be automatically deducted January through December on or about the 10th of each month. The bill will be calculated by taking the total amount owed for the year, minus any payments and then divided by 12 in January (11 in February 10 in March, and so on). ***Should you decide to cancel your recurring payments at any time, please notify NJSOP via asknjsop@njsop.org for us to terminate the auto-payment orders. Please let us know by December 1st if you do not want to carry over to next year's auto-payment orders.***

Self-Pay on a Monthly Basis - Pay NJSOP for the year in 12 monthly payments. Dues bills are sent on the 1st of each month and payments are due by the 29th of each month.

Late Fee – Late fees may be applied at the discretion of the NJSOP Finance Committee if dues are not paid by the 29th of each month. A back dues invoice line reflects the total amount of outstanding back dues (if any) that you still owe from previous years. Partial Practice applications must be received at the NJSOP Office no later than April 15th to be eligible for consideration. Waiver applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

The NJSOP reserves the right to change our refund policies at any time by posting such a change on the website. Your continued dues payments after such a change are made constitute acceptance of and agreement to be bound by the terms of the refund policies as modified.