

Associate Membership Program Description

(Effective 8/25/2026)

Associate Membership is open to Wisconsin residents who are legal U.S. citizens, who do not qualify for Life Membership, and have a significant physical disability that substantially limits mobility and would reasonably benefit from participation in programs and services offered by PVA-WI.

Qualifying conditions may include, but are not limited to:

- Progressive neurological diseases
- Progressive neuromuscular diseases
- Limb amputations (full or partial)
- Significant, debilitating, mobility-limiting orthopedic conditions
- Other permanent medical conditions producing impairments comparable to those experienced by individuals living with spinal cord injury, disease/dysfunction, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or multiple sclerosis

Eligibility determinations shall be made on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors.

Applicants must:

- Have a strong interest in PVA's mission, goals, and programs and who wish to contribute personally and financially (including fundraising efforts) to the chapter.
- Demonstrate alignment with the mission and values of PVA-WI.
- Complete an updated Associate Membership application.
- Submit a completed Physician's Statement verifying a qualifying condition & any other required documentation.
- Receive a nomination by a Board Member.
- Receive approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, in accordance with PVA guidelines.

Current program benefits of Associate Membership

Each approved Associate Member may:

- Apply for Adaptive Sports reimbursement up to 3 times per fiscal year (October 1 – September 30).
- Receive up to \$500 per approved adaptive sports reimbursement, for attendance at PVA & PVA-WI events.
- Receive the "Certified Caregiver Stipend" for approved events such as the National Veteran Wheelchair Games, Golden Age Games, Winter Sports Clinic or other PVA-WI approved multi-day event. Up to \$200 for medically necessary assistance.