NATA Membership Justification Letter Template – Higher Education

Dear [*Supervisor*],

I would like to [*begin/renew*] a membership in the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), the premier professional organization for athletic trainers.

Membership with NATA will provide me with valuable professional support, important updates from the field, cost-effective educational opportunities and access to a vast network of colleagues who face similar challenges. Many of the member benefits are tailored to athletic trainers in the [*your settings*]. NATA membership will also allow me to apply for research grants and fill service positions within the association. These benefits can be used to help achieve better educational outcomes for students in the AT Program at [*name of institution*].

I have identified a number of resources that I would like to take advantage of in the coming year, including but not limited to:

* Discounted registration rates for the NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo and other professional, educational events and conferences
* Access to the AT EducATionalist Community and athletic training education-specific resources
* Free professional development credits that can be used to purchase continuing education courses in NATA EducATe
  + The Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer and state law requires 50 CEUs every two years to maintain the athletic training credential and state license.
* Access to the NATA Leadership Academy
* The latest updates in clinical practice
  + This includes cutting-edge research that serves as best practice for standard of care through the *Journal of Athletic Training* and the *Athletic Training Education Journal*.
* Mentorship
* Participation in educational workgroups and events
* Access to members-only resources
* Professional service opportunities
  + In order to serve at the district and national levels, NATA membership is required.

Membership in NATA will greatly benefit me, and in turn [*name of institution*], in many ways. One way is through NATA’s legislative activities at the federal and state levels. Whether it’s advocating for legislation that advances the profession or preventing the deregulation of athletic trainers, these efforts ensure ATs everywhere can practice to the fullest extent of their skill set. This investment protects the future of our athletic training students at [*name of institution*].

Because of these many benefits, I am seeking professional development funding for this membership. A one-year membership will cost [*$$*], which also includes membership into my district and state associations as well.

Membership in district and state organizations is automatic with NATA membership and offers updates and education that is even more specific to our geographic location. Being an NATA member will help to keep our organization up to date and connected within our region. Again, this more localized membership will offer more opportunities to keep me on the cutting edge of education for our athletic training students and allow additional opportunities for professional service.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[*Name*]