



Kantara Initiative, Inc. Membership

Kantara is the global consortium improving trustworthy use of identity and personal data through innovation, standardization, and good practice.

Kantara draws experts in the fields of identity assurance, privacy policy and information systems assessment. Members collaborate to nurture emerging technical communities, standardize practices and operate conformity assessment programs.

Join Kantara to:

- **increase** industry visibility
- **influence** markets
- **get ahead** of trends
- **share** a table with competitors
- **create** new partnerships
- **generate** business leads

Kantara provides:

- a platform and infrastructure to **develop** new concepts
- a **lightweight** set of specifications and APIs to support industry solutions
- **access** to our assurance and interoperability programs
- **access** to international organizations including OECD, ISO & ITU-T
- **opportunities** to participate and save on conference attendance

Please read Kantara's [published policies](#) and in particular [ByLaws](#), [Operating Procedures](#), [Intellectual Property Rights](#), [Privacy Policy](#) as you will be asked to confirm your acceptance of them before signing the Membership Agreement (see below). Kantara Initiative, Inc is a registered 501(c) (6) tax exempt non-profit organization which incorporates intellectual property rights protections for its members' contributions.

Process to Join Kantara Initiative, Inc. (Note: A fully online joining process is being developed for those with PayPal and Credit Card).

Step 1: Complete the [Online Membership Application form](#) (a simple form expressing your interest in joining Kantara)

Step 2: Upon receipt of the Membership Application form, Kantara staff will issue the Membership Package via DocuSign. The Package consists of a Membership Information Form and a Membership Agreement.

Step 3: Complete and initial the Information Form and sign the Membership Agreement, returning the executed documents via DocuSign.

Step 4: Once the signed Membership Package is received, Kantara staff will issue an invoice for the membership dues and upon receipt your membership will be activated. Payment by Paypal and Credit Card is available.

If you have questions regarding the process to join or questions in general please [contact us](#).

Kantara Initiative, Inc. Membership Benefits

Benefits	Director	Principal	Individual	Non-Member Participant
Technical Community Open Discussion and Work Groups	x	x	x	x
Kantara Member Discussion and Work Groups	x	x	x	
Access to International Organizations Liaison Sub Committee of the Board	x	x	x	
All Member Vote	x	x	x	
Access to the Assurance Review Board, Assurance and Interoperability Programs and Trust Marks	x	x		
Brand Visibility and Sponsorship Opportunity packages	x	x		
Early Access to Strategic Opportunities	x			
Strategic Leadership	x			

Kantara Initiative, Inc. Membership Structure

Membership Levels and Dues (See Note 2 below)	Individual (personal/social/ISP email address only)	1-3 Personnel	4-100 Personnel	101-1000 Personnel	Over 1000 Personnel
Director Member	\$18,500	\$18,500	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$45,000
Organization Member	N/A	\$450	\$3,500	\$9,500	\$19,000
Individual Member	\$150	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Trust Services operating under Kantara's Trust Framework (see Note 3 below)					
Conformance Assessment Program Processing and Registry Fees per each ACCREDITED ASSESSOR entity per domain of expertise <i>additional to Member Levels above.</i> (See Note 4 below)					
Per Trust Mark (See Note 5 below)	N/A	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$6,000
Conformance Assessment Program Processing and Registry Fees per each APPROVED CSP Service or applicable Service Provider <i>additional to Member Levels above.</i> (See Note 4 below)					
Per Trust Mark (See Note 5 below)	N/A	N/A	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$6,000

Note 1: All Membership Fees are denoted in US Dollars and due on an annual schedule.

Note 2: Definitions applicable to Kantara Initiative Inc Member Levels are shown in this Note. All other terms are interpreted as their dictionary meaning.

'Personnel' is defined as the total number of employees and fixed term contractors worldwide in the corporation, company, related companies or other entity under control of the joining entity by virtue of more than fifty percent (50%) ownership or shares/securities.

'Director' level membership is subject to an accompanying application and review by the Kantara Board of Directors that retains the right to deny any application at its sole discretion. Incoming Director organizations are expected to [sponsor](#) a Working Group or a project within a Work Group, or sponsor another opportunity within in 12 months of joining. [Contact Us](#) for the Board Level Membership application.

'Organization' is defined as a Limited Liability Company or some other form of incorporated entity or Partnership that includes Research and Education, Non-Profit and NGO sectors. Organization Level Members in the Research and Education, Non-Profit and NGO sectors may apply for partial Fees Assistance to the Board of Directors, and can include 'Payment in Kind' applications in line with applicable policies.

'Individual' is defined as a unique person that is *not* representing themselves in goods and services trade, nor as a Limited Liability Company or some other form of incorporated entity. **Individual level members may only join (and be represented by) using a personal**

email address from a social network or ISP. No organization email address is permitted. Individual Level Members may apply for partial Fees Assistance to the Board of Directors, and can include 'Payment in Kind' applications in line with applicable policies.

Note 3: Organizations outsourcing or otherwise bringing their programs/schemes to Kantara Trust Services to operate under the Kantara Initiative Trust Framework are required to join Kantara at the applicable membership level and remain a member in good standing while the program/scheme remains active in Kantara.

Note 4: Trust Registry Listing Fees cover one CSP service per service provider entity or one (lead) Accredited Assessor per auditing entity per domain of expertise. Additional CSP services or Accredited Assessor applications from the same entity require the additional applicable processing and Trust Registry fee per Trust Mark domain (but not an additional Kantara membership fee). The Conformance Assessment Program is not available to the Individual Member Level due to potential issues of Liability. Small businesses (even those whose trading name is their own), medium size and large businesses using a business email address, may apply to be part of the Conformance Assessment Program under the Organization Member Level.

Example Kantara fee constructions:

Example #1: Organization member in the 1-3 Personnel category also an Accredited Assessor for one Trust Mark ($\$450 + \$2,000 = \$2450$ total);

Example #2: Director member in the 101-1000 Personnel category, also holding 2 CSP services/brands – Acme Authentication Credential and Acme Consent Manager - ($\$30,000 + \$3,000 + \$3,000 = \$36,000$).

Note 5: New programs (schemes) and their respective Trust Marks become available over time. Status on a previous Program/Trust Mark must still be valid at the time of Approval/Accreditation of an additional Trust Mark by the Assurance Review Board, together with the Membership Level status verified as current (i.e. in good standing).