



2026-27 Membership Renewal Information Session

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Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Housekeeping
- Membership Benefits
- Your Pathway to NYSCOSS Membership: How to Join/Renew
- Important Dates and Details
- Q&A

Housekeeping

- Sessions will be recorded
- Closed Captions
- Mute Mics/Raise Hand Feature/In Chat

Introduction

Merissa McKasty, Associate Director of Membership
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Born and Raised in New York State

Connector of people, ideas, and communities.

Say hello in the chat!
What's your favorite day of the week?



2026-27 Membership Levels

Superintendent Membership: 1% of Superintendent's Salary

Shared Superintendency Membership (overseeing multiple districts):
1.25% of Superintendent's Salary

Cabinet Membership: \$1,453.08

Associate Membership: \$150.00

Membership Runs from July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027

Membership Benefits at a Glance

Benefit	Superintendent	Cabinet	Associate	Retired Superintendent
Award Eligibility	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scholarships	✓	✓	✓	
Resource Bank	✓	✓		
Directory	✓	✓	✓	*
Listserv	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councilgram	✓	✓	✓	✓
Legal Services	✓	*		*
Professional Development	✓	✓		✓
Voting	✓			
Service on Committees	✓	✓		

✓ = Full Services

* = Limited Services



“NYSCOSS membership has provided invaluable opportunities to connect with colleagues across the state. In particular, the Women's Initiative is a phenomenal program that fosters leadership through conferences designed to inspire and promote female leadership at all levels. As a cabinet member, I have found tremendous value in bringing both aspiring and current administrators to these events to grow as a team and help future leaders expand their professional networks.”

*Amanda Kavanaugh, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education,
South Huntington UFSD, Cabinet Member*



“While leadership often feels like a solitary vigil on an isolated island within our own districts, NYSCOSS bridges the gap by connecting us to a vast archipelago of peers who truly understand the weight of our role. The statewide camaraderie provides profound professional comfort, transforming our unique challenges into shared experiences and ensuring that no superintendent has to navigate the complexities of the position alone.”

*James Knight, Superintendent and HOD member,
Northern Adirondack CSD*



“NYSCOSS is such a valuable resource; a network of people engaged in the same work who are willing to share, learn, collaborate, and grow as leaders together. Just as NYSCOSS has always served as a support to me in my work as a Superintendent and District Superintendent, NYSCOSS is an asset to the Superintendents in my region as an advocate and champion. We are stronger in the ONC BOCES region because of our partnership with NYSCOSS.”

*Catie Huber, District Superintendent and Executive Committee Member,
ONC BOCES, Superintendent Member*

Your Pathway to Membership: How to Join/Renew

Two Ways to Enroll

Beginning on Tuesday, May 19, you can enroll in two ways:

1) Visit NYSCOSS.org/Membership/Join. Sign in with your account and it will walk you through.

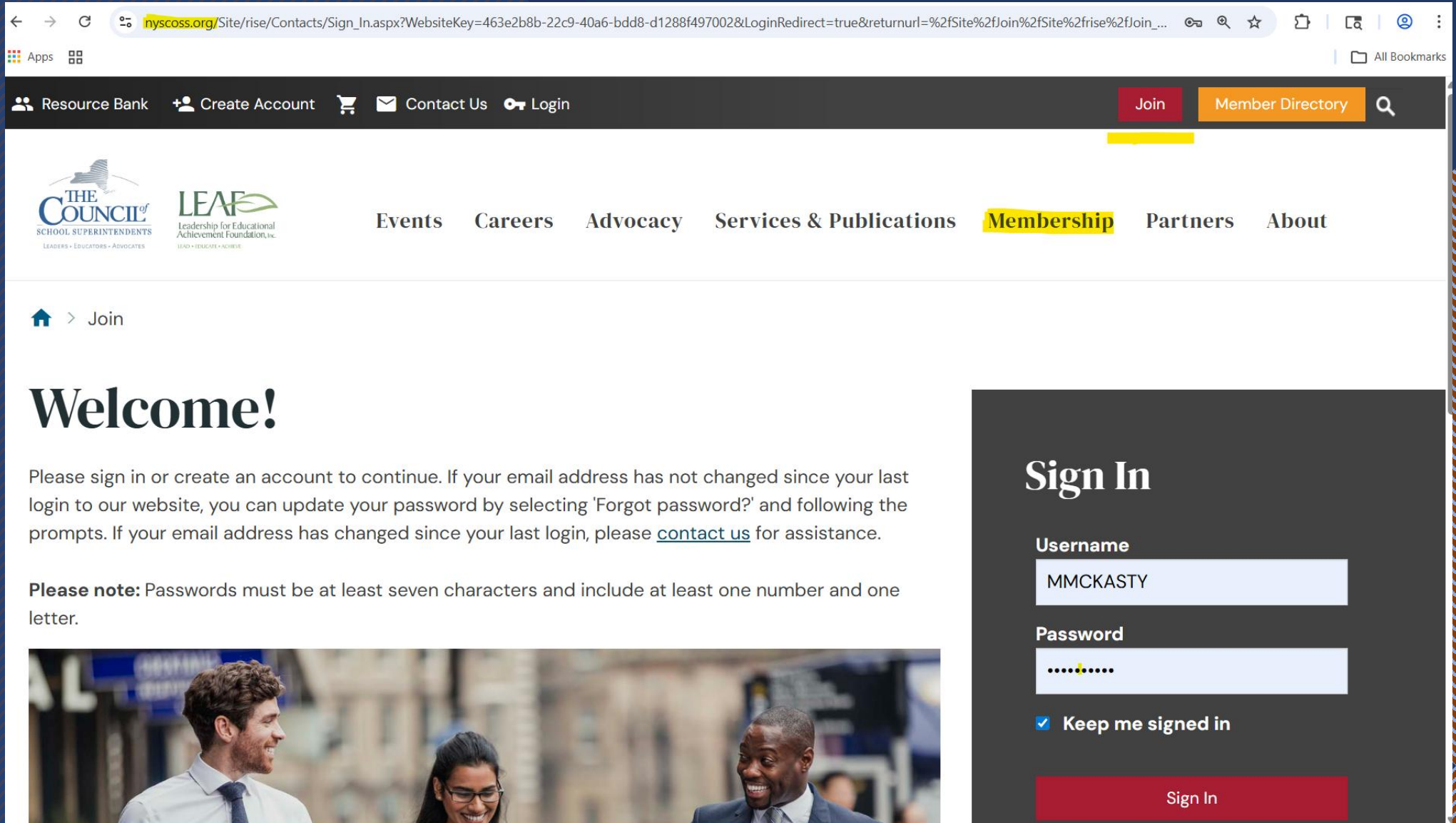
***If you get stuck, please don't create another account, email membership@nyscoss.org and we will assist!**

2) Via the downloadable Superintendent or Cabinet/Associate enrollment PDF form on the NYSCOSS.org membership page and email to membership@nyscoss.org

***If joining or renewing via PDF form, you must "Save as" to a known folder as to not lose the form and its contents before emailing it to us.**

Option 1: Online Join

Go to: [NYS COSS.org/Signin](https://nyscross.org/Signin)



The screenshot shows a web browser at the URL nyscross.org/Site/rise/Contacts/Sign_In.aspx?WebsiteKey=463e2b8b-22c9-40a6-bdd8-d1288f497002&LoginRedirect=true&returnurl=%2fSite%2fJoin%2fSite%2frise%2fJoin_.... The page features a navigation bar with links for Resource Bank, Create Account, Contact Us, and Login. The main navigation menu includes Events, Careers, Advocacy, Services & Publications, Membership (highlighted), Partners, and About. The page content includes a 'Welcome!' message, a sign-in form, and a note about password requirements.

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Welcome!

Please sign in or create an account to continue. If your email address has not changed since your last login to our website, you can update your password by selecting 'Forgot password?' and following the prompts. If your email address has changed since your last login, please [contact us](#) for assistance.

Please note: Passwords must be at least seven characters and include at least one number and one letter.



Sign In

Username
MMCKASTY

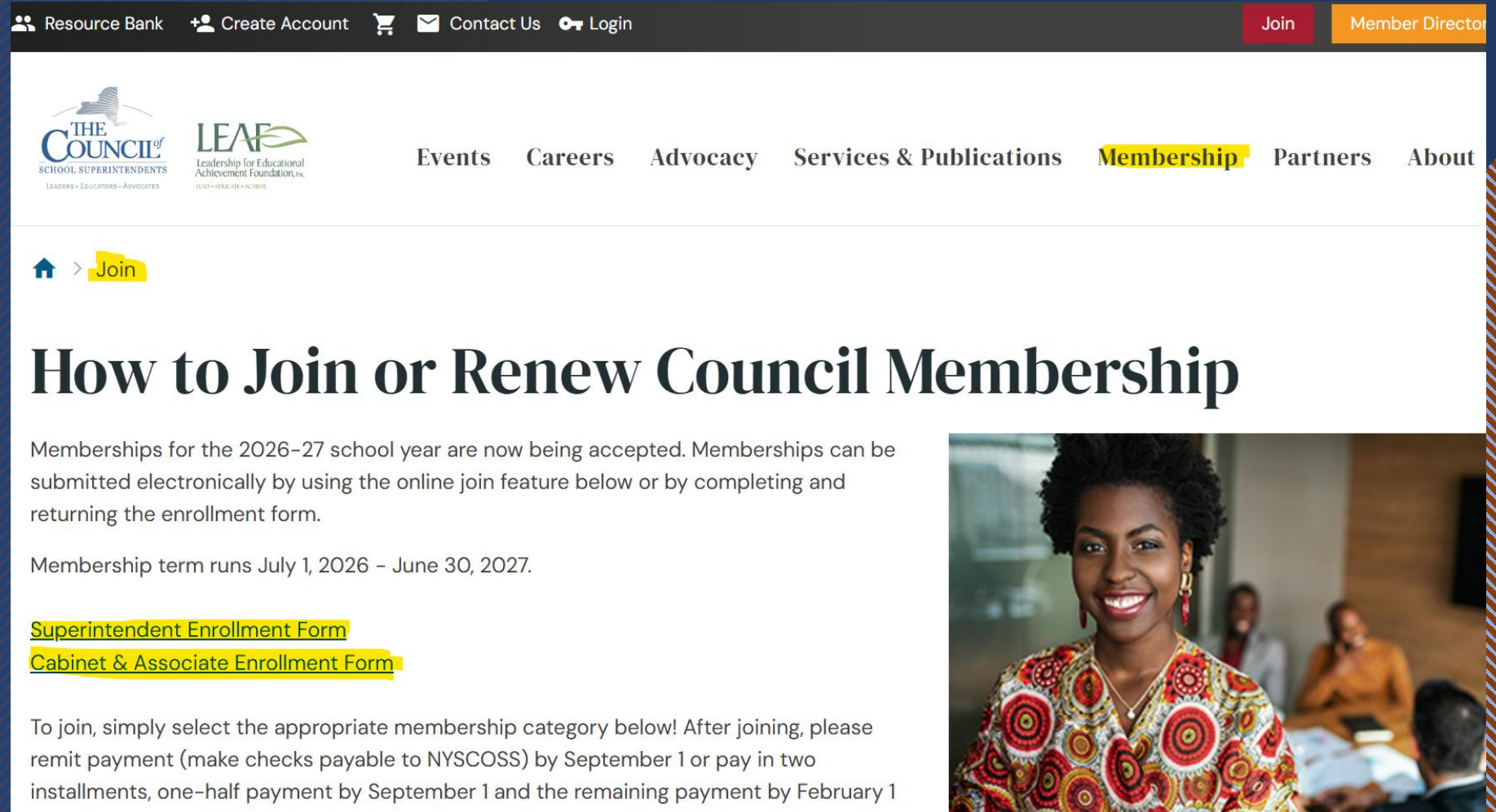
Password
.....

Keep me signed in

Sign In

Option 2: Download Enrollment Form and Submit

Steps
Go to nyscoss.org
Membership >
Join >
Click on
Highlighted Form >
Download



The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links for Resource Bank, Create Account, Contact Us, and Login. The main navigation menu includes Events, Careers, Advocacy, Services & Publications, Membership (highlighted), Partners, and About. The page title is "How to Join or Renew Council Membership". The text explains that memberships for the 2026-27 school year are being accepted and can be submitted electronically or via a form. It also states the membership term runs from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Two links are provided: "Superintendent Enrollment Form" and "Cabinet & Associate Enrollment Form". A final instruction says to select a membership category and remit payment to NYS COSS by September 1 or in two installments.

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How to Join or Renew Council Membership


Memberships for the 2026-27 school year are now being accepted. Memberships can be submitted electronically by using the online join feature below or by completing and returning the enrollment form.

Membership term runs July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

[Superintendent Enrollment Form](#)

[Cabinet & Associate Enrollment Form](#)

To join, simply select the appropriate membership category below! After joining, please remit payment (make checks payable to NYS COSS) by September 1 or pay in two installments, one-half payment by September 1 and the remaining payment by February 1



2026-2027 MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT APPLICATION



SUPERINTENDENT

MEMBER DETAILS

Full Name: _____
Title/Position: _____
School District: _____
Start Date at Current School District: _____
District Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Work Phone: _____ Work Fax: _____
E-mail: _____
Secretary/Secondary Office E-mail: _____
Previous District/Role: _____
Start Date of 1st Appointment as New Superintendent: _____
Last 4 digits of Social Security Number (Required for CTLE credits): _____
Personal Mailing Address: _____
Personal Phone: _____ Personal E-mail: _____
(Required for legal counsel in case work contact is unavailable.)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Superintendent (1% of 26-27 annual salary with a cap of \$3,325)
Salary _____ or Invoice Cap
- Shared Superintendent of two or more districts
(1.25% of annual salary or salary multiplied by .0125)
Salary _____ or Invoice Cap

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

- AASA / \$485
- AASA Small District* / \$241
**Only available to school districts with less than 350 students enrolled.*
- LEAF Subscription Service / \$295

Option 2 Cont.
Complete>
Save as>
Email Form to:
membership@nyscross.org

Don't Miss a Tuesday – Every Step to a NYSCOSS Membership Happens Here!

Important Dates and Deadlines

~~Tuesday, May 5: First Membership Renewal Information Session-Open to All~~

~~Tuesday, May 12: Second Membership Renewal Information Session-Open to All~~

Tuesday, May 19: Membership Renewal OPENS (Become a Member and Receive Discounted Member Rate for Fall Summit!)

Tuesday, June 2: 2026 Fall Summit Registration OPENS



It's time to think about membership renewal!

11 a.m. Membership Enrollment Information Session-Open to ALL

MAY 5



1 p.m. Membership Enrollment Information Session-Open to ALL

MAY 12

Membership Renewal Opens, Visit [Nyscoss.org/Membership](https://nyscoss.org/membership)

MAY 19



2026 Fall Leadership Summit Registration Opens

JUNE 2

Become a member before June 2 to unlock discounted registration for the 2026 Fall Leadership Summit!



Frequently Asked Questions

1.) What's the difference between NYSCOSS and LEAF?

- For superintendent or cabinet membership dues, the payment will be made out to New York State Council of School Superintendents (NYSCOSS).
- NYSCOSS and LEAF are two separate organizations with two separate tax ids. For all Leadership Summits and Professional Development events, payments should be made out to LEAF. Leadership Education Foundation (LEAF) Inc.

2.) I am submitting payment, who should I make the check out to?

- NYSCOSS and LEAF are two separate organizations with two separate tax ids. If you are paying for membership dues of any kind, the check should be made out to NYSCOSS. If you are paying for an event registration such as the Fall Leadership Summit or Winter Institute, you would make the check out to LEAF, INC. The address is 15 Cornell Road, Latham, NY 12110.

3.) Where should I send my LEAF or NYSCOSS payment to?

- Our remit address is 15 Cornell Road, Latham, NY 12110. We are no longer at 7 Elk Street, Albany NY.

4) Where can I get a copy of a NYSCOSS and/or LEAF W9?

- You can request a W9 for each organization via membership@nyscoss.org so that they are set up as two separate vendors.

Additional FAQ's

5) Do I have to add my personal contact information to my enrollment/renewal form?

- It is required for legal counsel in case work contact is unavailable.

6) Do I have to add the last four digits of my SSN to my enrollment form?

- Yes, this is required for CTLE Credits.

7) Who do I contact to pay or get information about my legal level II dues?

- Please contact Kelley Pratt, Program and Legal Associate, kpratt@nyscoss.org. Payment for Legal Level II dues are paid by the Member, not by the district. Mastercard, Visa, and Personal Check is Accepted.

Membership Dues Address

New York State Council
of School Superintendents
15 Cornell Road
Latham, NY 12110

Need a W9? Email membership@nyscoss.org

Membership Questions?

membership@nyscoss.org

or

merissa@nyscoss.org



Questions and Final Thoughts

Thank You!