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Membership categories include:

Voting Members

- U.S. cities, counties, states and territories (including towns, villages, or incorporated areas of any size)
- International communities that have a recognized sister city relationship with a U.S. community
- Municipal Associations

Non-voting Members

- Corporations
- Nonprofit organizations
- Embassies
- Individuals

Annual membership dues for U.S. and international cities, counties and states are based on population (in \$U.S.)

Population or Category	2002 Dues	2003 Dues	2004 Dues (CPI adjustment will not exceed 5%)
Corporate/Municipal Associations	\$1,100	\$1,200	
State	\$1,440	\$1,200	
Counties	See chart below	See chart below	
Cities:			
More than 1,000,000	\$1,440	\$1,680	
500,000-1,000,000	\$1,235	\$1,420	
300,000-500,000	\$890	\$1,015	
100,000-300,000	\$675	\$750	
50,000-100,000	\$525	\$575	
25,000-50,000	\$410	\$435	

10,000-25,000	\$295	\$310
5,000-10,000	\$205	\$210
Under 5,000	\$130	\$130
Nonprofit	\$550	\$600
Individual	\$25 (If your local program is a member of SCI)	
	\$50 (If your local program is NOT a member of SCI)	

ICRC membership benefits

- The ability to instantaneously send e-mail and translate documents in seven different languages, with more to be added in the near future
- For the first time ever, direct access to one of the most advanced and innovative "search engines" for foundations, corporations and government grants.
- The ground breaking capability to report, track and compile sister cities program information throughout the world
- Entry to the only Web site with the power to report, track and compile the tools and techniques, which promote outstanding sister city programs, including fundraising, publications and capacity building for local programs
- Finally collected in one place, information about partnerships with schools, business groups, service organizations and other community based international organizations
- Landmark entry to detailed community profiles and contact information for "Member Communities" and "Cities Seeking Sister Cities"
- Opportunity to purchase online discounted supplemental medical insurance when traveling abroad

SCI membership also includes these benefits:

- Eligibility for all SCI-managed grants
- Subscription to all SCI publications, including bi-monthly issues of *Sister Cities News* and the *Report to the Membership*, the annual Membership Directory and instructional guides covering all aspects of local program development
- Processing of IAP-66 applications for J-1 visas for secondary school exchange programs at a rate 80 percent less than other companies
- Eligibility to send voting delegates to the SCI Annual Conference and the ability to participate in all aspects of SCI growth and development
- Opportunity to participate in the SCI Annual Awards Program and the SCI Young Artist Program