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Alberta Human Ecology & Home Economics Association

Student Member Information Package and Application Form

We invite you to become a student member in the Alberta Human Ecology and Home Economics Association (AHEA). Simply complete this application form and mail to the AHEA office.

Reasons why students join:

- To network with professional members.
- To participate in workshops, conferences, and meetings covering different aspects of the profession.
- To have access to members only portion of the website.
- To receive provincial and branch newsletters.

This information package was prepared to assist you in the process of completing your application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the AHEA office.

Diana Barrantes, PHEc
Registrar

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Steps in the Application Process

Submission of Application

The applicant must submit the following:

- Student Member Application Form. (page 4 in this package)
- Signed Code of Ethics. (page 5 in this package)

Applicants are requested to send the original of the complete application package to:

Alberta Human Ecology and Home Economics Association
Registrar
5118 168 AVE NW
Edmonton, AB T5Y 0R8

NOTE: High quality scans of all documentation are also accepted. Email them to registrar@ahea.ab.ca

Applicants are strongly advised to contact the Registrar before applying if you have any questions related to qualifications.

Membership Requirements

Education

Applicants for membership as a Student Member must be enrolled as an undergraduate student in Human Ecology, Foods and Nutrition, or Education, majoring in Human Ecology at the University of Alberta or another Canadian University.

Character

Applicants must be of good character and reputation.

Definition of Membership

A Student Member is a person who is enrolled as an undergraduate student in Human Ecology, Foods and Nutrition, or Education, majoring in Human Ecology at the University of Alberta.

A student member **may not** use the professional title or abbreviation or hold elective office and appointive office, but **may** serve on a committee except the Registration

Committee, Practice Review Committee and Discipline Committee and **does not** have voting privileges.

Note to graduating students about the Candidate Human Ecologist program:

You may be eligible for registration in the Candidate Human Ecologist program as soon as official transcripts confirming your degree are available. When you have successfully completed this program, you will be a Professional Human Ecologist and will be entitled to use the PHEc designation.

We suggest you become a Candidate Human Ecologist immediately after graduation, as it is not necessary to be employed at the time of your application. Candidate Human Ecologists have the support and encouragement of their Professional Advisor during their job search. Applicants to the program have 2 years to complete the required 1500 hours of work/volunteer experience, with the possibility for an extension if it is warranted.

Membership Benefits

Membership in the Association provides ---

- a) the opportunity to network with other members with similar goals and interests.
- b) the opportunity to further develop professional competencies.
- c) the opportunity to demonstrate these competencies in a work or volunteer environment.

AHEA Reference Information

This section includes the AHEA Code of Ethics, reprinted from the Association's Bylaws. A copy of the bylaws will be sent after your application is accepted. Since the bylaws outline the operations of the association, it is suggested that you keep this information on file.

Registration of the Profession ---

In January, 1989, the Alberta Home Economics Association (AHEA) was registered under the Professional and Occupational Associations Registration Act (POARA), and granted the authority to register qualified members as Professional Home Economists. In 2002, a new name for the Association was registered. The revised Human Ecologist and Home Economist Regulation recognized the new association name as well as an additional protected title.

The current legislation provides the right to the titles Professional Human Ecologist and Professional Home Economist, and the abbreviations P.H.Ec. or PHEc. AHEA members who are registered Professional Human Ecologists or Professional Home Economists have exclusive use of these designated titles and abbreviations. In working towards becoming a self regulated profession, AHEA established the following objectives:

1. To protect the public through defining standards of education, experience, performance, and conduct for registered members.
2. To define to the public the field of practice of human ecology and home economics and in this way ensure services are known and accessible.
3. To make known to the public a means of redress and discipline of registered members of the profession for unskilled practice and professional misconduct.

Exclusive-use-of-title legislation does not prohibit unregistered persons from practising human ecology or home economics, nor does it require unregistered human ecologists or home economists to abide by the provisions of the act and regulation. However, all members of AHEA are expected to abide by the Code of Ethics.

Code of Ethics

Members of the Alberta Human Ecology and Home Economics Association must:

1. Engage only in those areas of the practice of Human Ecology and Home Economics in which they are competent;
2. Provide competent and responsible service to the best of their ability on behalf of their employers and clients and the community at large;
3. Develop and continually upgrade their professional competence;
4. Observe standards of personal ethics that reflect credit on the profession;
5. Conduct themselves towards other members with fairness and good faith; and
6. Support the Association and further its aims.



Student Member Application Form

Alberta Human Ecology and Home Economics Association

Name (Mrs / Ms / Miss / Mr / Dr) _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ U of A E-mail _____

Home Address (if different from above) _____

City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

I am a student in:

BSc Human Ecology–Major _____ Expected date of graduation _____

BSc Nutrition and Food Science _____ Expected date of graduation _____

MA/MSc/PhD (circle)–Major _____ Expected date of graduation _____

BEd–Specialization _____ Expected date of graduation _____

BSc/BEd _____ Expected date of graduation _____

Before submitting this application:

Have a representative from Department of Human Ecology, (main office), sign below indicating you are a registered student.

Student Name (print) _____ Student # _____

Signature from Department of Human Ecology

Print Name

I am willing to receive AHEA correspondence and branch/provincial newsletters by email Yes No.

Signature of Applicant Student Member

Date

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Upon becoming a member of the Alberta Human Ecology and Home Economics Association, I agree to conduct myself in accordance with this code of ethics.

Signature of Applicant Student Member

Date