

# FAQ – ARCN Membership Plans

## How do I become an ARCN member?

Select a membership plan that is appropriate for you and sign up. We have two membership plans:

- 30-day free trial general membership plan
- BIPOC complimentary membership plan

[Select a plan](#)

## Why should I become a member?

ARCN is a membership platform. We are building an intentional anti-racist community. Our membership plans separate the interested folks from the simply curious. Members support the community financially and with their participation. Anyone can join with a free 30-day trial.

ARCN offers you...

- Relevant news
- New ideas and approaches
- A space to develop new relationships and collaborations
- New resources
- Perspective and feedback
- Informational workshops and programs online
- A place to deepen your anti-racist analysis
- Conversations facilitated by trainers and practitioners with special expertise
- Opportunities to follow up on workshops
- Exposure to a range of other people and groups working to end racism and white supremacy

Use ARCN to...

- Post news
- Announce meetings, workshops, and other events
- Offer opinion and perspective
- Build a personal support network
- Solicit support for your organizing
- Find organizations you want to support
- Offer workshops and programs online

- Help build an online multiracial, anti-racist community

**Why do I have to enter my debit or credit card information even if I'm doing a 30-day free trial?**

The platform we are operating on does not allow us to set up a paid membership plan (even one with a free trial period) without asking for this information. We know it may be a little annoying but consider it the price of the free trial. The platform (Mighty Networks) does an excellent job of sending you advance notice by email when the membership fee is due to kick in. It's a simple matter to cancel your plan at any time, including when you receive the renewal notice.

**Why do BIPOC people have the choice of a complimentary membership and white people do not?**

You could look at it as a modest example of reparations. We're okay with that reasoning. There are other reasons, too.

We recognize that BIPOC people often encounter demanding conditions when they participate in conversations about race where white people are present, and the more white people who are present, the more demanding that participation can become.

We recognize that while learning needs to take place by BIPOC and white people, alike, it is often white people who are less knowledgeable about race and racism, and less skillful in managing the issues race and racism bring forth. This calls for BIPOC people to do additional work to sustain anti-racist community.

**Isn't offering a complimentary plan to BIPOC people a little condescending?**

No, we don't think so. We welcome anyone, BIPOC people included, to support us by signing up with our paid membership plan.

**Will other members of ARCN know which plan I sign up with to join?**

No, that's private information available only to ARCN administrators. We do not give it out.

**What if I'm a white person, and I cannot afford the general membership plan?**

We have set the fees for the general membership plan at a modest level compared to other online communities that operate with paid membership plans. But we know our capitalist society has made it difficult for many white people to acquire the income they require to meet their basic needs. We do not want money to be a barrier to any person who sincerely wants to participate in anti-racist multiracial community. But you have to do a little work by reaching out

to us at [contact@cswac.org](mailto:contact@cswac.org). Let us know you do not have the means to pay for a general membership plan and we will help you out.

**How would you sum this up?**

Any person with the means can support us financially with a membership plan, and any person without the means can join for free.