

Professional Associations for AVMA-Accredited Veterinary Technology Students

(California + National Memberships with Student Costs & Join Links)

How to Prioritize Memberships

Best Starting Set

- ✓ NAVTA – Core RVT national organization
- ✓ SCVMA – Free SoCal student membership
- ✓ CaRVTA – Affordable state RVT group

Tips for Students

- ◆ **Join early** — Many student memberships are free or low cost, and benefits build over time.
 - ◆ **Attend CE events** — Many associations offer free/discounted CE for student members.
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● California State & Regional Associations

Organization	Student Eligibility & Cost	Key Benefits	Link
California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association (CaRVTA)	Student: ~\$20/yr	RVT advocacy, CE discounts, legislation news	https://carvta.com/join-us/
Southern California Veterinary Medical Association (SCVMA)	RVT student: FREE	Local CE events, networking, Pulse magazine	https://www.scvma.org/membership
California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)	Student/Allied category (low or free)	Statewide advocacy, CE access, professional support	https://members.cvma.net/join/person/mbrtype.html
California Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps (CAVMRC)	Student: FREE	Public health & disaster response training	Search "CAVMRC" at https://cvma.net/membership/cavmrc/
San Diego County Veterinary Medical Association (SDCVMA)	Support/para: ~\$45/yr (contact for student)	Local CE & community events	https://sdcvma.org/page/membership
Midcoast Vet Med Association	New grads/assistants: \$0-\$50/yr	Regional CE & networking	https://www.midcoastvma.org/membership?utm_source=chatgpt.com
Central California VMA	RVT/support staff: ~\$60/yr	Local CE & community	https://ccvma.net/page-1075173

National Associations & Memberships

Organization	Student Eligibility & Cost	Key Benefits	Link
National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)	Student: ~\$35/yr	National RVT organization, CE, advocacy	https://www.navta.net/membership/
Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA)	Student: Varies by chapter	Student networking, externships, journals	https://www.avma.org/membership/SAVMA
American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB)	Student: Free/Reduced	Behavior medicine resources	https://avsab.org/students/
Humane Veterinary Medical Association (HumaneVMA)	Student: FREE	Animal welfare focus, symposium support	https://www.humanevma.org/student_chapters
International Veterinary Students' Association (IVSA)	Student: Low/Varies	Global student network & events	https://www.ivsa.org/
AAVSB – VTNE Club	Student: FREE	VTNE prep & career resources	https://aavsb.org/licensure-assistance/vtne-club
Association of Avian Veterinary Technicians (AAVT)	Student: Reduced	Avian/exotic tech networking	https://www.aav.org/aavt/

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Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society (VECCS) – Tech	Student: Reduced	Emergency medicine CE & mentoring	https://veccs.org/membership/
American Association of Equine Veterinary Techs (AAEVT)	Student: Reduced	Equine practice resources & CE	https://aaevt.org/membership/
American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association (AHVMA)	Student: FREE	Integrative medicine community	https://www.ahvma.org/membership/
American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) – Tech	Student: Reduced	Bovine/livestock medicine focus	https://www.aabp.org/membership
Phi Zeta Veterinary Honor Society	Invitation only	Honor & scholarship recognition	https://phizeta.org/