



PortAz Membership Tiers & General Information

Effective as of 02/20/2025

Membership Overview:

Anyone interested in joining PORTAZ to support our mission is welcome to select a membership tier, participate in activities, and attend social events. Membership dues are set annually by the Board of Directors, and all members must complete an application and submit the appropriate fee.

Upon payment, members will receive a digital membership card. Physical cards available upon request.

Annual dues must be paid by October 31st to maintain active status.

Members who do not renew by this date will lose voting privileges and eligibility for board positions in the following year.

Important Note: Membership dues are non-taxable as we are working toward nonprofit tax-exempt status (501(c)(3)).

If you would like to make a donation to PORTAZ that is not part of a membership payment, please let us know accordingly to ensure the payment is appropriately categorized.

Members Code of Ethics:

- *Being fully cognizant of my responsibilities as a representative of the Portuguese heritage, I affirm my willingness to discharge my duties with accuracy, thoughtfulness and care.
- *Realizing that the knowledge obtained in the course of my membership must be treated as confidential, I hold the confidence (trust) placed in me by Board members and the Portuguese Community.
- *Recognizing that my integrity and that of my membership must be pledged to the absolute reliability of my behavior, I will conduct myself at all times in a manner appropriate to the dignity of my heritage.

Member Termination- A member may choose to no longer pay their membership at any time. Their annual membership fee will not be refunded or prorated.

Member Expulsion - At the Board of Directors' discretion, the membership of any member may be removed for inappropriate, criminal or detrimental behavior. The member, whose membership has been removed, has the right to appeal to the Board.

Questions?

Email: PortAzMembers@gmail.com

Website: www.portugueseinaz.com



Payment Options:

Membership dues can be paid via:

- **Zelle:** Use our email address PortAzMembers@gmail.com or scan the QR code below and indicate in the Notes section of the Zelle your membership tier name (General, Heritage, Lifetime, Corporate, Reduced, or Multi-Year) and phone number so we can reach you if there are issues.



- **Venmo:** Use PortAz@PortugueseinArizona or scan the QR code below and indicate in the Notes section your membership tier name (General, Heritage, Lifetime, Corporate, Reduced, or Multi-Year) and (if possible) phone number so we can reach you if there are any issues.



- **Check:** Made payable to PortAZ and mailed to:

7800 North 55th Avenue, Unit 102162, Glendale, AZ 85301

Please include the member name/corporate name and membership tier (General, Heritage, Lifetime, Corporate, Reduced, or Multi-Year) in the memo of your check



Membership Tiers:

1. **General Membership:**

- Open to anyone interested in Portuguese culture and traditions.
- **Annual fee: \$25.**
- Includes access to PORTAZ activities.

2. **Heritage Membership:**

- For individuals of Portuguese heritage. Proof of heritage is required through a signed affidavit, which must be completed in person at a PORTAZ event. No additional documentation is necessary.
- **Annual fee: \$75.**
- Includes voting privileges, eligibility for board positions, and early access to limited events.

3. **Lifetime Membership:**

- **Open to anyone who donates \$2,000 (adjusted as the club grows).**
- No annual dues required.
- Includes special privileges and early access to limited events.
- Members of Portuguese heritage enjoy additional voting rights and board eligibility.
- Founding board members automatically receive Lifetime Membership.

4. **Corporate Membership:**

- **Open to organizations with an annual contribution of \$250.**
- Includes listing in marketing materials, designated event space, and General Membership benefits for one representative.
- Not eligible for Lifetime Membership.

5. **Reduced Fee Membership:**

- For individuals under 20 years old who are members of Portuguese clubs at Arizona universities.
- **Annual fee: \$10.**

6. **Multi-Year Membership:**

- Members can prepay dues for up to 5 years (locks in current rate for chosen term)
- A 10% discount applies to payments covering three or more years.
- Available for General, Heritage, and Corporate Memberships (excludes Lifetime).
- **This is a promotional offer valid only until December 31, 2026.** As a new club, this is an opportunity to encourage early participation and commitment to PORTAZ.