

## About FCAA

We recognize that alumni have an expertise about foster care that can be gained only by living in foster care. We believe this expertise is essential for transforming policy and practice to improve all aspects of foster care for the ones who come after us. FCAA is a membership community made up of alumni, our allies (those who have not been in care but who support our mission), and organizations.

## What We Do

FCAA is not a service provider but we do offer important, valuable benefits to our members. Among the many reasons to become an FCAA member:

- *You become connected to a nation-wide community.*

Though our life stories are different, they share a common thread – we've shared the government as our parents. The impact this has had on our lives varies as uniquely as our experiences, but, in FCAA, you have a place to connect, talk, share, and listen with others who know where you've been and, as importantly, will be with you as you get to where you're going.

- *You become part of a movement to transform the foster care system.*

Whether you choose to speak to your elected officials on foster care issues, write letters to your local newspapers, or simply maintain your membership (which adds strength to our collective voice), you are an essential partner in our ability to accomplish our mission. You are important to us.



- *You become informed of important community activities.*

Through our web site, quarterly newsletter and periodic alerts, FCAA keeps you aware of what's going on within the membership and the child welfare community. FCAA, our members, and our chapters work together to provide our community with both a national and local focus.



## Who Can Join Us

As a member of FCAA, your only requirement to join is to be at least 18 years old. Whether you become actively involved in our chapters, community events, Alumni Leadership Institute, online discussions, newsletter articles, outreach efforts, conferences, collaboration activities, and our postcard project, or whether you choose to lend your support through donations – the decision is entirely yours. You are under no obligations when you join our community. However, if you become active within your association, you'll be making a difference in your life and the lives of others in and from care!

## What it Costs to be a Member

FCAA has minimal dues and all contributions are used to support our mission. *FCAA offers a dues waiver program so the cost of dues is never a barrier for those who wish to join our community.*

<b>Alumni</b>	<b>\$20/year</b> <b>Lifetime memberships are available for \$300</b> Adults who spent time in care as children or youth
<b>Allies</b>	<b>\$35/year</b> <b>Lifetime memberships are available for \$525</b> Adults who weren't in care but who share our mission

### Organizations

If you are interesting in learning more about FCAA organizational membership options, please contact Julie Smith at 703-299-6767 or [jsmith@fostercarealumni.org](mailto:jsmith@fostercarealumni.org)

Local or state nonprofit	\$100/year
National nonprofit	\$250/year
Educational institution	\$250/year
Corporation	\$500/year
Government	\$500/year

## How to Join Us

There are four easy ways to join FCAA:

- Visit: [www.FosterCareAlumni.org](http://www.FosterCareAlumni.org),
- Call: 888-ALUMNI-0 or 703-299-6767
- Email: [member@FosterCareAlumni.org](mailto:member@FosterCareAlumni.org)
- Write: 118 S. Royal Street, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314



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Transforming Tomorrow**

