

## What qualifications do I need to join ARMATA?

Members can join at different levels:

**Affiliate Grade 9 members** must have a Grade 9 certificate from a recognized conservatory or an equivalent.

**Affiliate Grade 10 members** must have a Grade 10 certificate from a recognized conservatory or an equivalent.

**Full members** must have a minimum of an Associate diploma or a Bachelor of Music degree or an equivalent.

**All members** must submit proof of their education and a police records check with a vulnerable sector check and must be over the age of 18.

**You can apply online at [www.armta.ca](http://www.armta.ca) or download an application form.**



## Code of Ethics

In order to maintain the professional standards set by Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association, each member shall aspire to the goals and ideals outlined in the code of ethics below.

### Commitment to Students

ARMTA Teachers will endeavor to:

- Clearly communicate the studio expectations and financial arrangements, to the student, and/or parents
- Maintain the privacy of the students, and all information, unless required by law
- Treat all students with consideration, patience, dignity and respect, without discrimination of any kind
- Respect the student's right to obtain instruction from the teacher of his/her choice
- Offer every student the best quality music instruction
- Participate in continuing education, to develop professional excellence and improve personal teaching standards

### Commitment to Colleagues

ARMTA Teachers will endeavor to:

- Respect the privacy of colleagues, and refrain from disclosing sensitive information, unless required by law
- Respect the reputation of colleagues, honouring their abilities and expertise, and refraining from false statements or disparaging remarks regarding their professional or personal qualities
- Respect the reputation of colleagues, refraining from false statements or disparaging remarks regarding their students

### Commitment to Community

ARMTA Teachers will endeavor to:

- Teach music with the objective of improving its prestige as an art form and enhancing the status of music in the community
- Serve as a resource in the community
- Organize, promote and/or participate in cultural events for the students and the community at large



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**Benefits of  
Membership**

**[www.armta.ca](http://www.armta.ca)**

## What are the benefits of being a member of ARMTA?

### Registered Music Teacher

Full members may use the designation RMT (Registered Music Teacher).

### Liability Insurance

Your membership includes a \$5 million third party limited liability insurance policy that covers you and your students wherever you are teaching. For recitals or teaching events in venues requesting more than the \$500,000 tenant's liability insurance included, an insurance certificate with your venue listed as an additional insured is available at no charge on request to extend the liability insurance to \$5,000,000 for the day of your event.

### Find a Teacher Directory

Our members are included in an online directory on our website which helps prospective students find a qualified music teacher.

### Tempo and News Updates

Members receive our Tempo magazine once a year which includes articles related to music teaching. Updates with news and current information are regularly sent out by email.

### Conferences and Workshops

ARMTA joins with the Alberta Band Association (ABA), Choir Alberta, and the Alberta Music Education Foundation (AMEF) and other music associations at Music Conference Alberta to provide an annual conference that offers a wide variety of disciplines in addition to the sessions related to studio teaching that ARMTA and AMEF sponsor. Music Conference Alberta is held each October in various locations within Alberta.

ARMTA also sponsors workshops that travel to smaller centres offering professional development opportunities.

### CFMTA Membership

Membership in ARMTA automatically includes membership with the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations. Through this membership, you receive:

- The Canadian Music Teacher magazine three times per year.
- A national conference every other year.
- Access to reduced rates on home and auto insurance through The Personal.
- Access to health benefits through Morneau Shepell.

For more information, please visit [www.cfmta.org](http://www.cfmta.org).

### Branch Membership

Once you are a member of ARMTA provincially, you may join your local branch which offers local professional development activities, scholarships, and other opportunities determined by the branch. We currently have branches in Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Grande Prairie, and Medicine Hat.

### Student Opportunities

Your students have the opportunity to participate in:

- The Community Service Award which offers certificates to students who complete music-related volunteer service in the community.
- The Provincial Piano Competition and the Provincial Vocal Competition held every other year. The winners represent Alberta at the National Piano Competition and

National Vocal Competition held at the CFMTA conference and tour Alberta as the Young Artist.

- The Student Composer Competition held annually.
- The CFMTA National Essay Competition which invites submissions of essays on any topic related to music teaching, pedagogy or performance practice at high school, university undergraduate, and graduate levels.

### Scholarships and Bursaries

ARMTA is proud to support scholarships at the Alberta Music Festival and the Calgary Arts Summer School Association.

The ARMTA Bursary is offered to assist students, at any level, who wish to further or continue their music studies and struggle with the costs involved in this pursuit.

The ARMTA Music Pedagogy scholarships are offered to assist students enrolled in any music pedagogy study.

Through the ARMTA Recognition Fund, donations may be issued a charitable tax receipt. This fund is used to provide awards for our competitions and branch scholarships.

### Service Opportunities

Since ARMTA is a volunteer-driven organization, there are plenty of opportunities for you to serve your fellow teachers and the greater music community and develop your leadership skills.

### The Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association unites professional music teachers in their aim to:

- promote the love of music
- promote the knowledge of music by providing superior music instruction
- advocate for the availability of quality music instruction
- provide cultural events and continuing education events
- provide performance opportunities and scholarships for the students

