**WHAT**

The Gap Year Association (GYA) proudly offers membership opportunities for parents, families, field leaders, and any other individuals interested in uplifting the gap year movement.

**WHY**

Join us in the movement to maximize the potential of young adults through accessible gap year opportunities—benefit from GYA’s community and resources.

As a member of the Gap Year Association and as a gap year parent, it is gratifying, reassuring, and encouraging that there is a dedicated community that is unparalleled in its support, advocacy, research, and professionalism. GYA is a true gift for all the students that have been, and will be, transformed by their experiences on the road less travelled (and their parents, families, and networks). Thank you, GYA!

-Rae Nelson, Individual Member and gap year parent

**GYA’s Individual members are enthusiasts who understand the value of gap years, who are advocates of expanding gap year opportunities for more students, and who are interested in contributing to the advancement of the gap year movement.**

**Individual Membership Fee:**

$25/year

Join our community and learn more about the gap year movement!
CORE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

FOR ALL GYA MEMBERS
- Use of GYA Member Badge
- Discounts on annual Gap Year Conference and Professional Development Institutes
- Access to GYA’s professional networking platform, Mighty Networks. Ask questions of and connect with experts and professionals in the gap year and professionals in the gap year field.
- Access to GYA-led research and publications
- Grow professionally with participation on a GYA committee (see opportunities below in the Next Steps section)

Specifically for GYA Individual Members:
- Access to a free digital copy of Gap Year American Style, by Karl Haigler & Rae Nelson, including gap year stories and advice

NEXT STEPS
- Attend an upcoming Prospective Membership Meeting. Contact us for details at info@gapyearassociation.org
- Register for our annual Gap Year Conference and/or professional development institutes
- Join as a GYA Member and gain access to our professional networking platform, Mighty Networks
- Become directly involved in the work of advancing the gap year movement by joining a GYA committee:
  - Alumni
  - Outreach
  - Higher Education
  - Research
  - Field Leaders
  - Standards & Accreditation
  - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Access
  - Sustainability
  - Membership
  - Fair Trade Learning

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