

Membership

General Policies

Use of the University Recreation and Wellness (URW) facilities and services is restricted only to individuals who meet the appropriate eligibility requirements (see below). All memberships are non-refundable and non-transferrable unless a move or medical reason can be documented. To access facilities, members must present a valid UCard, University Recreation and Wellness card or validate their membership with biometric hand scanning.

- All guests must present a photo ID.

Students

Students who pay the Student Service Fee are members (In general, fees are assessed for undergraduate and/or graduate students taking 6 or more credits) Students currently enrolled but not assessed the Student Services Fee are eligible to purchase a Student Membership. Graduate students must have registered (for at least one credit) within one year to be eligible.

- Kinesiology: Students taking activity classes in URW facilities who have not paid the Student Services Fee or who have not purchased a membership, may enter the facilities up to one-half (1/2) hour before the start of the class. These students must carry a recent (within 2 weeks) enrollment summary proving that they are registered for the activity class, and a U Card or Photo ID.
- Post-Secondary Education Option (PSEO) students, who are sixteen or older and are not paying Student Service Fees, may purchase a membership. PSEO students who are 15 or under are eligible for youth programs only.
- Students from UMD, Morris, Crookston, and Rochester campuses may purchase a Student Membership or Daily Pass with proof of current registration and Photo ID.
- Visiting and Affiliate Students registered for credits are eligible to purchase a Student Membership. Affiliate Students who are not recognized as University of MN students and are not eligible for a U Card must have a letter from a sponsoring U of MN department e.g. Internship, etc.
- Regent Scholarship & Academic Staff Tuition Students - Refer to Faculty and Staff Section

Faculty and Staff

Faculty, staff or other University employees from any U of MN campus, may purchase a Faculty/Staff Membership. A U Card and a current record in the system are required in all cases.

- Visiting faculty and staff, whose tenure will be less than 3 months, are eligible to purchase a Short-term Membership (week or 1-month) upon presentation of a photo ID and an authorized letter verifying the visitor's status from the host department on departmental letterhead. Individuals wanting a membership for five (5) weeks or more become eligible to purchase a semester or 3-month Faculty/Staff Membership.

- Regent Scholarship & Academic Staff Tuition Benefit: Faculty and Staff registered for classes under the Regent Scholarship or Academic Staff Tuition Benefit is considered Faculty/Staff for Membership purposes. These individuals are not eligible for a Student Membership.
- Volunteers: Those individuals who serve as volunteers in University programs and services are not permitted to purchase a Membership unless they are sponsored by another member... (See General Public)
- Layoff List: Those employees who have been laid off and are placed on the layoff list may purchase a 3-month, 6-month, semester, annual membership or daily pass. These individuals must present a letter from the University verifying that they have been placed on the layoff list along with a valid UCard. These employees may renew their membership up to one year from date on letter.
- Retired faculty and staff members may purchase a University Membership with U Card or photo ID. A University Recreation and Wellness card will be provided thereafter if a U card is unavailable.
- Regents of the University are eligible for membership at the staff rate, and they may purchase on a semester, 6-month, or annual basis.

University RecWell Affiliate - Affiliates consist of staff who are not official University employees but are identified by University Recreation and Wellness (URW) as eligible to purchase a Membership or a Daily Pass. Memberships available are dependent upon the member's affiliation listed below:

- The Common's Hotel employees (treat as staff/faculty- University Members)
- St. Paul Campus - Forestry/Department, USDA, North Central Research Station, MN Crop Improvement Association
- University of MN Physicians
- French Meadow

U Associates - U Associates consist of staff that are not official University employees but are identified by the University as having some association. They may purchase the University Partner Membership or a Daily Pass. Associates must present photo ID and most current pay stub for verification at time of purchase or renewal.

The following should be regarded as University U Associate staff:

- University of Minnesota Medical Center – Fairview
- Aramark

University of Minnesota Alumni - University of Minnesota graduates from any University of Minnesota campus who provide proof of graduation and proper photo ID may purchase a University Alumni Membership. Proof of graduation includes any one of the following:

- Photocopy of diploma on file with URW or an official letter from registrar indicating completion of all coursework requirements or an unofficial transcript indicating completion of degree (3rd floor STSS building)
- Newly graduated students awaiting final approval from their program must provide an official letter from their program advisor on Department letterhead stating that they have completed required credits for graduation
- Possession of an Alumni Association Membership does not necessarily make an individual eligible. If the Alumni Association Card states year of graduation, this can be used to verify proof of graduation.
- An annual limit of 400 memberships will be sold. Alumni Memberships may be purchased on a 3-month, 6-month, or an annual basis throughout the year. URW staff may determine further requirements, procedures or restrictions.

Sponsored Member - Current members may sponsor 1 adult at a time. The duration of the sponsored membership must be equal to or less than the sponsoring member.

- Sponsored member must be present with their sponsoring member (sponsor must be a current member) to purchase membership(s).
- Both the sponsoring member and the sponsored member must show photo ID.
- A Sponsored Member is not allowed to sponsor another member.

Summer Session/Intersession Policies

Students paying the full summer Student Service Fees are members of the University Recreation and Wellness facilities.

Students assessed a portion of the SSF for summer are considered URW Members for that half of the summer only (these are students taking 3-5 credits). If a Membership is desired for the remainder of the summer session, a half-summer Student Membership may be purchased.

During either Summer/Intersession, students who were registered for classes in a degree seeking program with a minimum of one credit in the previous spring semester may purchase a Student Membership for summer session (this does not include Independent Study Students).

Non-Degree Seeking Students/University College Students who were eligible for a Student Membership for Spring semester are eligible to purchase a Summer Student Membership.

Students who were not registered during spring semester, but who have registered for fall semester (including newly admitted students) may purchase a Student Membership for summer prior to that fall semester. Proof of registration is required. Newly admitted students who were issued a U Card must also present a letter of acceptance at time of purchase.

Students from any U of MN campus may purchase a Student Membership for the summer with proof of registration from the previous Spring Semester or proof of registration for the Fall Semester.