



*William "Buddy" Hooper - President*  
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*Stacy Justice - Vice-President of Kinship*  
*Darla Works - Treasurer*  
*Megan Masica - Secretary*

### **AFAPA Chapter Membership**

Chapter Membership will be available to any foster, adoptive and kinship parent association in Alabama, approved by the Alabama Foster and Adoptive Parent Association board of directors. An association receiving chapter membership must operate in a consistent manner with the By-Laws and Constitution of the state association. (These can be found on the website at [afapa.org](http://afapa.org)). Benefits to local associations receiving chapter membership include; attending meetings, receiving all mailings, and the state association accepting tax-deductible contributions for the local association. Four free registrations to the AFAPA annual Annual conference Conference. Chapter Members with clothing and/or food closets will benefit from donations received by AFAPA. AFAPA will assist those chapter members who need help starting a clothing and /or food closet. Guidelines and procedures will be provided to any qualified local association chapter membership.

The following are required to be considered for Chapter Membership:

- \_\_\_\_ 1. Annual budget and/or financial statement.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Current Constitution & By-laws of the county association
- \_\_\_\_ 3. Current list of officers with addresses and phone numbers and email addresses
- \_\_\_\_ 4. Signed chapter membership agreement below.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. Payment of \$150.00 sent to AFAPA at address below by check or money order.
- \_\_\_\_ 6. Name of food bank (if used).

You may also send chapter membership fee via paypal to: [Paypal.me/afapa](https://www.paypal.com/afapa)

\*\*Effective date Oct 1, 2025 - Sept 30, 2026

Upon acceptance of the above by AFAPA, we

\_\_\_\_\_ (association name) do agree to the following terms:

### **CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT**

A. County association will notify AFAPA of any funding received using the AFAPA 501(c)(3) number, and any change in constitution, by-laws, or officers during the membership dates.

- B. County association agrees not to share 501(c)(3) number with another association, organization, or individual.
- C. County association must operate in a consistent manner with the by-laws and constitution of the state association.
- D. All funds received using the 501(c)(3) number must be made out directly to and mailed to AFAPA. The county association will receive 90% of the funds back, and 10% will stay in the state association's treasury to be used for the scholarship fund. Donations received by the Chapter Member (Chapter) not using (the) AFAPA 501(c)(3) number are not subject to the 10% charge.
- E. Chapter membership year is from Oct 1 to Sept 30. Membership will expire on September 30th of current year if not renewed.
- F. County Association membership must be open to foster, adoptive and kinship families residing in the county.
- G. County Associations must hold elections for new officers consistent with current by laws.
- H. County Associations must invite all foster parents in the county to meet at least quarterly.
- I. County Associations will send photos, stories or news that can be shared on the AFAPA Facebook page, in order to encourage other counties and share ideas, as well as to highlight events going on in the county.
- J. County Associations will invite AFAPA to speak to at least 1 meeting per year. AFAPA offers a broad range of topics, including but not limited to Prudent Parenting, Subsidy, Kinship, Recruitment, and Resources, as well as the Foster Parent Bill of Rights.
- K. County Associations who are not active chapter members of AFAPA will return the 501(c)(3) letter to AFAPA and discontinue any future use, until re-enrolled as a chapter member.

AFAPA reserves the right to suspend a chapter member, which includes the use of the 501c3 number, for violation of any of the stated rules above.

AFAPA President: ***William "Buddy" Hooper***  
\_\_\_\_\_ :County Association President

Please Mail Completed forms, documents and checks (payable to afapa) to:

AFAPA  
Stacy Justice  
100 Wayne Dr.  
Tuscumbia, Al 35674

Or Email to:  
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