

## **Professional Associations for AVMA-Accredited Veterinary Technology Students**

*(California + National Memberships with Student Costs & Join Links)*

### **How to Prioritize Memberships**

#### **Best Starting Set**

- ✓ NAVTA – Core RVT national organization
- ✓ SCVMA – Free SoCal student membership
- ✓ CaRVTA – Affordable state RVT group

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### **Tips for Students**

- ◆ **Join early** — Many student memberships are free or low cost, and benefits build over time.
  - ◆ **Attend CE events** — Many associations offer free/discounted CE for student members.
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## ● California State & Regional Associations

Organization	Student Eligibility & Cost	Key Benefits	Link
<b>California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association (CaRVTA)</b>	Student: ~\$20/yr	RVT advocacy, CE discounts, legislation news	<a href="https://carvta.com/join-us/">https://carvta.com/join-us/</a>
<b>Southern California Veterinary Medical Association (SCVMA)</b>	RVT student: <b>FREE</b>	Local CE events, networking, Pulse magazine	<a href="https://www.scvma.org/membership">https://www.scvma.org/membership</a>
<b>California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)</b>	Student/Allied category (low or free)	Statewide advocacy, CE access, professional support	<a href="https://members.cvma.net/join/person/mbrtype.html">https://members.cvma.net/join/person/mbrtype.html</a>
<b>California Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps (CAVMRC)</b>	Student: <b>FREE</b>	Public health & disaster response training	Search "CAVMRC" at <a href="https://cvma.net/membership/cavmrc/">https://cvma.net/membership/cavmrc/</a>
<b>San Diego County Veterinary Medical Association (SDCVMA)</b>	Support/para: ~\$45/yr (contact for student)	Local CE & community events	<a href="https://sdcvma.org/page/membership">https://sdcvma.org/page/membership</a>
<b>Midcoast Vet Med Association</b>	New grads/assistants: \$0-\$50/yr	Regional CE & networking	<a href="https://www.midcoastvma.org/membership?utm_source=chatgpt.com">https://www.midcoastvma.org/membership?utm_source=chatgpt.com</a>
<b>Central California VMA</b>	RVT/support staff: ~\$60/yr	Local CE & community	<a href="https://ccvma.net/page-1075173">https://ccvma.net/page-1075173</a>

## National Associations & Memberships

Organization	Student Eligibility & Cost	Key Benefits	Link
<b>National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)</b>	Student: ~\$35/yr	National RVT organization, CE, advocacy	<a href="https://www.navta.net/membership/">https://www.navta.net/membership/</a>
<b>Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA)</b>	Student: <b>Varies by chapter</b>	Student networking, externships, journals	<a href="https://www.avma.org/membership/SAVMA">https://www.avma.org/membership/SAVMA</a>
<b>American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB)</b>	Student: <b>Free/Reduced</b>	Behavior medicine resources	<a href="https://avsab.org/students/">https://avsab.org/students/</a>
<b>Humane Veterinary Medical Association (HumaneVMA)</b>	Student: <b>FREE</b>	Animal welfare focus, symposium support	<a href="https://www.humanevma.org/student_chapters">https://www.humanevma.org/student_chapters</a>
<b>International Veterinary Students' Association (IVSA)</b>	Student: <b>Low/Varies</b>	Global student network & events	<a href="https://www.ivsa.org/">https://www.ivsa.org/</a>
<b>AAVSB – VTNE Club</b>	Student: <b>FREE</b>	VTNE prep & career resources	<a href="https://aavsb.org/licensure-assistance/vtne-club">https://aavsb.org/licensure-assistance/vtne-club</a>
<b>Association of Avian Veterinary Technicians (AAVT)</b>	Student: <b>Reduced</b>	Avian/exotic tech networking	<a href="https://www.aav.org/aavt/">https://www.aav.org/aavt/</a>

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Student Eligibility &amp; Cost</b>	<b>Key Benefits</b>	<b>Link</b>
<b>Veterinary Emergency &amp; Critical Care Society (VECCS) – Tech</b>	Student: <b>Reduced</b>	Emergency medicine CE & mentoring	<a href="https://veccs.org/membership/">https://veccs.org/membership/</a>
<b>American Association of Equine Veterinary Techs (AAEVT)</b>	Student: <b>Reduced</b>	Equine practice resources & CE	<a href="https://aaevt.org/membership/">https://aaevt.org/membership/</a>
<b>American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association (AHVMA)</b>	Student: <b>FREE</b>	Integrative medicine community	<a href="https://www.ahvma.org/membership/">https://www.ahvma.org/membership/</a>
<b>American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) – Tech</b>	Student: <b>Reduced</b>	Bovine/livestock medicine focus	<a href="https://www.aabp.org/membership">https://www.aabp.org/membership</a>
<b>Phi Zeta Veterinary Honor Society</b>	<b>Invitation only</b>	Honor & scholarship recognition	<a href="https://phizeta.org/">https://phizeta.org/</a>