



# Associate Membership FAQ

## *What Is A Town Committee?*

The basic legal component of political parties in Massachusetts is the Town/Ward committee. They operate under provisions established by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The Sandwich Democratic Town Committee (SDTC) is thus the Democratic Party unit closest to the voters of Sandwich.

## *What Does the SDTC Do?*

The SDTC provides a forum for understanding and advancing the Party's agenda and objectives; connecting local Democrats with one or more campaigns that they want to work with; organizing Party members to help with registration and voter turnout initiatives; choosing Sandwich delegates to the State Convention; and generally providing a friendly atmosphere to bring local Democrats together to share interests, concerns, and enthusiasm.

## *What is an Associate Membership?*

The permissible level of "full" SDTC members is limited by law to 35, elected to four year terms concurrent with the Presidential primary. But Town Committees can have as many "associate" members as they desire. Associates have most of the same rights and privileges as full members. As vacancies occur in full membership preference is given to associates to fill those slots.

## *What Does It Cost?*

Associate Membership dues are \$25 per year for an individual, \$40 for a couple, and \$5 for students.

## *How Can I Find Out More or Apply?*

To learn more about the SDTC as well as Associate Membership simply go to [www.democratsofsandwich.com](http://www.democratsofsandwich.com) where you will also find an application form. Alternatively, you can complete the form below, mail it to us, and we will contact you:

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