

Society of Independent Petroleum Earth Scientists  
New Orleans Chapter  
Types of Membership/Affiliate

SIPES, chartered in 1963 in Houston, Texas, has one of the strongest certification programs in the earth sciences. Members are certified by the [Board of Directors](#) for their professional experience, competence and ethics. SIPES has over 1,300 members located in 20 states. Their areas of expertise are worldwide in scope. Some bring about the drilling of oil and gas wells. Others are involved in different extractive industries of the earth's natural resources or in education.

NOTE: You must be one of the memberships/affiliates below to attend a local chapter of SIPES.

**1. Full Membership**

- a. Requirements:
  - i. Science or engineering degree leading to a career in earth sciences
  - ii. 12 years of practice in the field of earth science. The years of experience required may be fulfilled by self-employment, as well as employment in industry, government or education as an earth scientist. Credit is given for degrees received from accredited universities.
  - iii. Members must be independent or self-employed with freedom of choice of clients and business associates.
  - iv. The sponsorship of three SIPES members is required. Applicants who reside outside of a SIPES chapter state, may use SIPES sponsors or other professionals who are familiar with the applicant's experience in the earth sciences.
- b. Reciprocity:
  - i. AAPG DPA (American Association of Petroleum Geologists – Division of Professional Affairs)
  - ii. SPEE (Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers)
  - iii. (note: sponsors are not required for DPA or SPEE members)
- c. *New Orleans Chapter - Dues Required:*
  - i. *National SIPES:\$90/Year*
  - ii. *Local Chapter: \$220/year*
    - 1. \$110/session, two sessions per year, Lunch at Andrea's (third Tuesday)
    - 2. Fall Session (Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.)
    - 3. Spring Session (Jan, Feb, Mar, April, May (dinner) break for summer

**2. Limited Membership**

- a. Employed Membership
  - i. Persons who meet the qualifications of Full Membership except that they are not Independent. (three sponsors are required)
- b. Junior Membership
  - i. persons who meet the qualifications of Full Membership except that they do not have 12 years of experience. (three sponsors are required)
- c. *New Orleans Chapter - Dues Required:*
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  - ii. *Local Chapter: \$220/year*
    - 1. \$110/session, two sessions per year, Lunch at Andrea's (third Tuesday)
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**3. Chapter Affiliate (local chapter only)**

- a. This designation is designed for those who are associated with earth sciences but do not have a degree in science or engineering.
- b. You are not a SIPES member but rather an affiliate with the local chapter only.
- c. One SIPES member Sponsor is required.
- d. You pay the local chapter dues and no national dues.
- e. *New Orleans Chapter - Dues Required:*
  - i. *Local Chapter: \$220/year*
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