Q: What is the SAVMA?
Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) is a National organization which functions to create and maintain a professional relationship with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). It is also the largest Veterinary Student organization and has chapters at each of the Accredited Colleges of Veterinary Medicine. As such, our chapter is the SAVMA Chapter at UW-Madison.

Q: How does it function?
National SAVMA has a National Executive Officer Board that acts under the direct supervision of the AVMA. Whereas each local Chapter has their own Executive Officer Board and functions under the direct supervision of National SAVMA.

AVMA → National SAVMA → SAVMA Chapter at UW-Madison

Q: What are the benefits of being an Active National and Chapter Member?
For the National SAVMA and AVMA provided benefits, visit the following website to learn more about them:


As for the benefits provided by our specific SAVMA Chapter, they are as follows:

- Access to Individual Education Funds each year *(provided you are an active member each year)*
  - Active, Tier I Chapter Members have access to up to $100.00
  - Active, Tier II Chapter Members have access to up to $200.00

- Ability to participate in ALL Chapter-Sponsored events

- Ability to participate in ALL SAVMA-Recognized Club’s events

- Ability to apply to and receive Grants and Scholarships provided by either the Chapter or National SAVMA

Am I expected to be an Active Chapter Member during my Fourth Year?

Yes and No! This Answer Depends:

**YES:** if you have been an Active Chapter Member, of either Tier Status, during your first, second and third years of the curriculum, then your Fourth-Year dues *(National and Chapter)* are paid for by our SAVMA Chapter AND the Chapter automatically will appoint you as an Active, Tier II Chapter Member for the duration of your fourth year!

**NO:** if you have been inactive at any point during the veterinary curriculum, then you will need to complete all the Chapter Requirements in order to have access to the benefits provided by the Chapter and National SAVMA. You will also lose all post-graduation benefits associated with being an active member throughout the veterinary curriculum.

So, all I have to do is pay dues and I’ll be considered an Active Chapter Member?

Not necessarily. In order to be considered **eligible** to be an Active Chapter Member, you must:

- Pay both National and Chapter Dues each year\(^1\)
- Complete the Risk Management and Bylaws Comprehension Assessment Quiz during your first year\(^2\)
- Attend a minimum of (2) General Chapter Meetings each year
- Accumulate SAVMA-Volunteer Points (SVPs) to attain a “Tier Status” each year
  - A total of (3) SVPs → Achieved Tier I Status
  - A total of (6) SVPs → Achieved Tier II Status

How do I access these funding benefits?

Use the following link as it has all the information regarding your:

- Chapter Membership Records
- Individual Member Funding Applications
- Summarized Chapter Information

https://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/dvm-students/current-students/savma/savma-information/

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1 Paying your National SAVMA dues means you are an Active National SAVMA Member; but, you still have to complete ALL Chapter Requirements to be considered for all post-graduation benefits provided by SAVMA and the AVMA

2 The Risk Management and Bylaws Comprehension Assessment Quiz only has to be completed ONCE throughout your ENTIRE time as a veterinary student with a minimum of an 80%.