SFE Membership

Why Join the SFE Community?

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Get access to experts in payments rules and regulations to help you navigate complex fraud, compliance, or payment scenarios.

SFE offers member experts to support these issues via:

- Toll-free phone answer line: 800-626-4SFE (4733), Option 1
- Web chat (sfe.org)
- Email (info@sfe.org)

Help is just a communication away.

Leverage deep knowledge to help mitigate your payments risk and strengthen compliance (at a special member rate).

Benefit from the SFE team's career-long knowledge of payments by engaging the team for an audit, a risk assessment, or consulting, including:

- ACH Annual Audit (Fls, Third-Party Senders, and Third-Party Service Providers)
- ACH Risk Assessment (FIs, Third-Party Senders, and Third-Party Service Providers)
- Payments Strategy Consulting
- RDC Risk Assessment & Audit of Internal Controls
- Real Time Payments® (RTP®) Audit & Risk Assessment
- Wire Transfer Risk Assessment & Audit of Internal Controls

Multi-service discounts are available to members that use multiple services in the same calendar year.





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Discover the latest information, delivered in educational training (at a special member value).



As an SFE member, you receive exclusive member pricing on the following educational sessions:

- Education Plan Access to a year of SFE Workshops for a single payment, saving more than 50% in payments education
- In-Person Events SFE's Annual Digital Directions Conference
- Virtual Education Live, virtual workshops on strategic and trending topics with time for speaker Q&A
- Webinars Live, virtual events in focused, short-duration sessions on a specific topic, with speaker Q&A
- On-Demand Training Pre-recorded sessions to offer foundational knowledge on key topics
- Videos Illuminating Payments Special on-demand training offering in-depth, digestible sessions on topics including the FedNow® Service, faster payments strategy, and check fraud - and members receive complimentary access to the session, "Payments Channels in the U.S."
- Power Hours Complimentary, hour-long member events that invoke subject-matter experts on emerging topics
- Customized Payments Education Sessions built specifically for your organization's unique training needs

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Receive breaking news on regulatory shifts, risk updates, operational alerts, and emerging opportunities.



In the constantly changing payments landscape, it's never been more important to have a partner who can cut through the noise and provide you with critical information.

SFE offers members:

- Operational and fraud alerts
- Weekly "news-you-can-use" email communications
- Industry updates via a members-only web portal
- And more

SFE membership keeps you up to date on what you need to know in today's environment.

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Find publications to support your compliance, risk management, ACH education efforts, and more.



In conjunction with Nacha and the other Payments Associations, SFE offers a wide variety of payments publications to members at special rates. In addition, all SFE members receive a complimentary annual copy of the Nacha Operating Rules.

Payments' accreditations serve as the industry gold standard, ensuring an individual's deep operational knowledge of payments systems.



SFE offers specialized training (at a discounted rate to members) to prepare individuals for the following accreditations:

- Accredited ACH Professional (AAP)
- Accredited Payments Risk Professional (APRP)
- Accredited Faster Payments Professional (AFPP) New! Learn more in 2024!
- Faster Payments Professional (FPP) Certificate
- National Check Professional (NCP)

Enjoy specialized professional services.



As need arises, SFE brings forward industry partners to offer advice to members, including:

- Banking Law Information Service a complimentary resource for members to ask a legal expert basic questions on all areas of payments laws and regulations.
- Pre Rules Violation Mediation Services help for member organizations to solve possible Rules violations before a claim is submitted to Nacha's System of Fines; SFE can serve as a liaison between member organizations.
- Fraud Information Services fraud support for financial crimes. The Financial and Retailers Protection
 Association (FRPA) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fighting financial and serious retail
 property crimes. As a member of FRPA, SFE learns about the latest local fraud trends to keep SFE
 Members abreast of current happenings.

Connect with diverse industry organizations facing similar challenges and opportunities.

SFE boasts a thriving and diverse membership community. Engage with a growing group of organizations primarily from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, to learn, collaborate and network.

Join Now!

SFE membership provides financial institutions (FIs), businesses, third parties, and payments professionals with unparalleled support as they navigate the payments landscape.

Organizations can join SFE in one of three categories:



- Financial Institution Membership Dues are determined from a tiered schedule based on deposit size.
- **Affiliate Membership** Available for organizations which are not financial institutions, such as vendors, payment processors, and other industry stakeholders; dues are a flat annual fee.
- Professional Membership Designed for individuals typically in the role of CPA, accountant, consultant, attorney, computer programmer, sole proprietorship, etc.; dues are a flat annual fee.