



# YP MEMBERSHIP CHECKLIST

## Important Links

[Young Professionals Webpage](#)

[Chapter and Region Map & Contacts](#)

[MySWANA Website](#)

The following checklist was created by the SWANA Young Professionals Steering Committee and is meant to provide emerging Young Professionals with a checklist to track and increase their engagement in SWANA. The checklist covers ways to become involved in the local, regional, and national levels of SWANA. It reflects the progression through the YP program from Students and your time as a SWANA member. While you work your way through these lists, feel free to mix or match the order as you see fit and as your schedule allows.

If you have no idea where to start, begin with the first page and expand from there. If you find yourself wanting to contribute more and increase your impact within SWANA, pursue the items in the second or third list. As you do so, feel free to also add your own checklist items as a method to keep track of your personal goals within SWANA.

Lastly, have fun with it! Expand and grow your network within the industry. There are so many great professionals within SWANA and as you work your way through this checklist, you will find yourself getting to know how great this industry can be. Feel free to reach out anytime.

Best wishes,

Young Professionals Steering Committee  
Solid Waste Association of North America

## Student Engagement

- Attend a local/regional [SWANA Chapter Meeting](#)
- Fill in your profile on [MySWANA](#) and join communities
- Engage in SWANA Social Media: Follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)
- Sign up for a [SWANA Technical Division](#)
- Attend a [local](#) YP tour or social event
- Engage in conversations in the [YP MySWANA Community Forum](#), and search industry professionals in your area to connect with and learn from in the [Member Directory](#)
- Explore the [Student Design Competition](#) and put a team together to compete
- Attend a [SWANA Webinar](#) of interest to you
- Check out the [Career Video Series](#) in the resource library for helpful career building tips
- Visit the [SWANA Career Center](#) to search for jobs/internships



## Young Professional Engagement

### Expand Your Network

- Attend a local/regional [SWANA Chapter Meeting](#)
- Fill in your profile on [MySWANA](#) and join communities
- Engage in SWANA Social Media: Follow us on [Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X](#)
- Sign up for a [SWANA Technical Division](#)
- Meet your [local, regional, national YP Leadership](#)
- Attend a local YP Chapter tour/social event or the local conference by reaching out to your [local YP Leadership](#)
- Reach out to your [local YP leadership](#) to volunteer at your local conference.
- Engage in conversations in the [YP MySWANA Community Forum](#)
- Attend two [SWANA webinars](#) of interest to you

### Professional Growth

- Sign up for a [SWANA Training Course](#)
- Attend three [SWANA webinars](#) of interest to you
- Take at least one exam to become [SWANA Certified](#)
- Visit the [SWANA Career Center](#) to review your resume with an industry professional
- Attend a SWANA conference such as [RCon®](#)
- Get featured in the [YP Spotlight](#)

### Change the World

- Write a blog post or discussion topic in the [MySWANA Forum](#)
- Organize a volunteer event or site tour with your [local YP Chapter](#)
- Submit an article for a magazine, publications (local or national), or your local chapter newsletter
- Do a professional presentation for a webinar, at your [local meeting](#), or at a SWANA conference
- Volunteer for a YP committee position at the [national](#) or [local](#) level (Volunteer as a YP Rep or Chapter Liaison)
- Pitch a new idea to your [chapter leaders](#) or [YP Steering Committee](#)
- Get involved with your [Technical Division](#) as a YP Chair or committee member

### You Did It!

Congratulations on accomplishing your goals as a SWANA YP member! We hope you had the chance to grow professionally, make new friends and contacts, and learn more about the industry. As you enter our standard membership tiers and/or age out of the YP Group, we encourage you to continue making an impact on the industry of Solid Waste Management through your SWANA membership. We'll keep you updated on more volunteer and leadership positions, educational opportunities, and all things SWANA.

REMINDER: If you're turning 36, please don't forget to pull along another young professional to take your place in the YP Group and keep the industry growing! Simply point them to [the SWANA YP Website](#) to get started.

