

## Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance Membership Levels

**Sanctuary Membership Levels:** The following membership levels are intended for sanctuaries that currently house wild cat species at their facilities and are located in the United States.

***Full Membership*** is intended for organizations that meet all of the requirements for Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance sanctuary membership and have obtained GFAS Accreditation or Verification.

***Associate Membership*** is intended for organizations that meet all of the requirements for Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance sanctuary membership but are not currently GFAS Accredited or Verified facilities.

**Individual Membership:** This program is by invitation only and is intended to allow for the involvement of individuals who support the preservation of wild cats and care of captive wild cats, but whose employers are not considered Sanctuary or Partner Members of the BCSA. Examples include individuals who were formerly employed by a BCSA Member Organization but who have since moved on to employment with a non-member organization, or who have never been employed with a BCSA Member Organization but whose work is directly in support of the BCSA's mission.

**Partner Organization Membership:** Partner Members are non-sanctuary organizations who support the mission of the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance through advocacy, funding, or professional services, or provide related services, such as the rehabilitation of native wild cats. In addition, big cat sanctuaries that are located outside of the United States are considered Partner Members due to the BCSA mission statement stating our goals within the United States.

	<b>Sanctuary: Full Membership</b>	<b>Sanctuary: Associate Membership</b>	<b>Partner Organization Membership</b>	<b>Individual Membership</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Priority for rescue placement	√			
Mentorship, if requested		√		
Assistance with applications for accreditation/licenses		√		
Use of the BCSA logo on your website	√		√	
Eligible to serve on BCSA Steering Committee	√	√ (2 representatives)	√ (2 representatives)	
Eligible to serve as an officer on the BCSA Steering Committee	√	√ (Secretary/Treasurer only)	√ (Secretary/Treasurer only)	
May post jobs on the BCSA website	√	√	√	
Discounts for attendance at the BCSA Conference	√ (Unlimited)	√ (Unlimited)	√ (2 people)	√ (1 person)
Access to online library of resources on the BCSA website	√	√	√	√
Participation in BCSA webinars	√	√	√	√
Eligible to serve on BCSA sub-committees	√	√	√	√
Recognition of membership/affiliation on the BCSA website	√	√	√	√
Must include language provided by BCSA to identify their level of membership	√	√	√	√
Access to BCSA Members Only webpage content and listserv/distribution list/members only Facebook group discussions	√	√	√	√
<b>Requirements</b>				
GFAS Accreditation/Verification Required	√			
Individual whose work is in support of the BCSA's mission (Must be nominated for membership by a current member)				√
Must adhere to the BCSA Sanctuary Practices	√	√		
Must have current wild cat permanent residents at their facility	√	√		
Must be located in the United States	√	√		
Third-party inspections required (GFAS/USDA/ASA/State)	√	√		
Nonprofit organization	√	√	√	
Must adhere to the BCSA Code of Conduct	√	√	√	√
<b>Annual Dues/Fee</b>	<b>*\$250-\$500</b>	<b>*\$250-\$500</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$150</b>

\*The annual dues structure for Full Membership and Associate Membership is based on the annual operating budget of the sanctuary members.